# This Month's Memory Verse

Truly I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

John 5:24

## July 7

**Title:** Amos, Prophet to Israel

**Passage:** Amos 1-9 **Christ Connection:** 

Through these prophets, we see a picture of the salvation provided through Jesus Christ.

### **Questions to Discuss:**

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Why was God going to punish the Israelites?
- What sins do you need to be forgiven of today?

## **Family Connection:**

Walk through the Gospel God's Plan for You, with your child. This is an easy way to teach the Gospel to your kids.

- **1. God Rules:** explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. (Do a hand motion of a crown on your head!);
- **2. We sinned:** tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death (Make an "X" with your arms
- **3. God provided:** God sent His Son Jesus to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us (Make a cross with your fingers
- **4. Jesus gives:** Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever (put hands out like they're holding a gift
- **5. We respond:** Tell your kids that they can respond to Jesus. Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus (make celebratory motions with your hands in the air!)

#### **Parent Action:**

Reach out to your campus's missions minister to find a local ministry partner and put into practice the truth of Amos 5.

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## July 14

Title: Jesus was Born

Passage: Isaiah 9; Luke 2

#### **Christ Connection:**

The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to bring peace between people and God. He came to save people from their sins and to be their King. After coming into the world as a human baby, Jesus grew up. He lived a perfect life without sin and died the death we deserve. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead to prove that He had defeated sin. When we believe in Him, God forives us and makes us right with Him.

### **Questions to Discuss:**

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- How did Jesus provide peace between God and people?
- Why do you think Jesus came to earth as a baby with normal parents instead of a baby with royal, wealthy, and powerful parents?

## **Family Connection:**

Take time as a family to remind each other of the Gospel hand motions you learned last week. Take turns describing the Gospel to each other using those hand motions before challenging each other to think of someone they can share the Gospel with this week and take actions to do it.

#### **Parent Action:**

Consider the attributes of Jesus highlighted in the text/sermon you heard today. Prayerfully consider one attribute to share with a lost and searching person in your life.

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## July 21

**Title:** Isaiah, Prophet to Judah

Passage: Isaiah 6; 53

### **Christ Connection:**

God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote that this would happen! Jesus is the Servant who suffered so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven.

## **Questions to Discuss:**

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Why do you think Jesus was willing to suffer for us?
- How can we show sacrificial love to others, like Jesus did?

### **Family Connection:**

Give everyone a pencil and coloring items along with a piece of paper. Have each person draw pictures of themselves as they imagine they will be in 15 years. Ask each other questions like what job they might have, what they will do for fun, if they have pets, where they want to live, etc. And then take turns sharing your drawings and imaginings of the future. When we think about the future, we can only guess what will happen, for the most part, unlike Isaiah who received messages from God about what would happen. God promised us that Jesus will return some day, and we can know that this promise is true!

### **Parent Action:**

Be reminded of how God works in and among His people. Prayerfully consider who needs to hear these truths and commit to sharing with them about the love of God.

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# **July 28**

**Title:** Isaiah Warned of God's Judgment

Passage: Isaiah 22; 48

**Christ Connection:** 

God sent Isaiah to warn of His coming judgment. A greater day of judgment is coming when God will judge sin for a final time. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. Everyone who repents of sin and trusts in Jesus will be safe from God's judgment and have eternal life.

## **Questions to Discuss:**

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Why can it sometimes be hard to repent of our sin?
- Why should we obey God?

### **Family Connection:**

Depending on the size of your family, break into groups where one person is blindfolded, and the others in their group gives the person instructions to get them from one area of the house/yard/etc. To the other. (Be sure to clear the area of anything that could cause the blindfolded person to get injured). Continue until everyone has a chance to be blindfolded. Talk about how hard it was to follow instructions perfectly, but how important it was to do so! It is important to follow God's instructions because He knows what's best for us. We can't do this perfectly, but thankfully we have Jesus to be perfect for our good.

### **Parent Action:**

Make an intentional effort to discuss and process the implications of the Gospel with brothers and sisters this week. Pray for particular people who need to hear the Gospel and for opportunities to share it with them.