

## This Month's Memory Verse

**Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.**  
**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

**August 4**

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

**Passage:** Nahum

**Christ Connection:**

Nahum told God's people good news. God loves His people and takes care of them. Jesus has good news for people who love and trust Him. All of the enemies of God and His children were defeated at the cross. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

**Questions to Discuss:**

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Why does God want people to worship Him only?
- How can we be saved from our enemies, sin, and death?

**Family Connection:**

Pray for a missionary family our church supports. Consider asking your Missions Minister to write a letter encouraging them as they share God's message of hope to people.

**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:**

Who is someone in your family's life that needs to hear the good news of Jesus? Pray and ask God for opportunities to share your faith with them.

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**Title:** Joel, Prophet to Judah

**Passage:** Joel 1-3

### **Christ Connection:**

Joel warned God's people about the Day of the Lord – a day when God will judge His enemies, free His people, and make the world right again. Those who trust in Jesus will escape God's punishment for sin. Jesus was punished in our place, and we share in His righteousness.

### **Questions to Discuss:**

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Why did God send locusts to swarm the land and people of Judah?
- How does Joel describe who God is and what he promises to do?

### **Family Connection:**

Have each family member make 2 paper hearts and hide them somewhere in your house. Joel told the people to turn to God with all their heart. Go on a scavenger hunt to find 2 hearts that you didn't hide. Return back and discuss how God cares about our heart than what we can do for Him. He wants us to turn to Him with our hearts so that he can change us from the inside out.

### **Parent Action:**

Joel describes God as slow to anger, merciful, and loving. Which of these do you need God's help in growing in? Pray for God's help and opportunities to practice living out these characteristics.

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**August 18**

**Title:** Jeremiah Encouraged God's People

**Passage:** Jeremiah 29-30

### **Christ Connection:**

God did not give up on His people. Jeremiah the prophet told God's people that God was going to save them. Later, from David's family, God would raise up Jesus to be a new King—a forever King.

### **Questions to Discuss:**

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- What did Jeremiah write to encourage God's people?
- God has a good plan for your life. How does that make you feel?

### **Family Connection:**

Show your child pictures of when you were a child. Talk to them about the ways God has worked in your life and the ways you have seen Him working in your children's lives.

### **Parent Action:**

One way we can trust that God has a good plan for us is to reflect on when He was faithful. Write down some ways you have encountered God's faithfulness in your life and thank Him for that.

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## August 25

**Title:** God's People Were Taken Captive

**Passage:** 2 Chronicles 36

### **Christ Connection:**

God was right to punish His people because they sinned. But God still loved them, and He was going to give His people a good king, just like He said He would. Many years later, God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our King forever. Jesus took the punishment we should get for our sin.

### **Questions to Discuss:**

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Why did God punish the people?
- Who took the punishment for our sin?

### **Family Connection:**

Lead family members to take turns serving the rest of the family at dinnertime. The chosen servant should prepare the table, serve the food, take drink orders, refill cups when needed, and clean up after the meal. Discuss the sacrifices the chosen family member had to make to serve the family. Remind kids that King Jesus humbly served us and gave His life for those who trust in Him.

### **Parent Action:**

God is sovereign over all things. Even when we don't see it or understand it, God is working in all times and seasons. What area of your life do you need to relinquish control and allow God to reign? Surrender your worries and plans to Him.