

This Month's Memory Verse

**When I am afraid, I will trust in you.
Psalm 56:3**

October 6

Title: Jesus Was Born

Passage: Matthew 1; Luke 2; John 1

Christ Connection:

The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus, the promised Savior, came into the world to show us what God is like and to deliver us from sin and death.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- What makes Jesus different than an ordinary baby?
- What is one thing we can share with others about Jesus' birth?

Family Connection:

Parents, take time to sit with your kids and share the stories of how they came into the world. If you've had them since birth, tell the stories of their birth; if they joined you at a later time through adoption or foster care, describe for them what that was like for you and how it felt. Share with them what makes those moments special for you and your family, and talk about how special it was when Jesus was born – not just for Mary and Joseph but for the whole world.

Parent Action:

The long-promised Messiah has come and His name is Jesus. Do you know Him? Have you surrendered to Him?

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Title: Jesus Told a Woman About Living Water

Passage: John 4

Christ Connection:

Jesus offers something better than physical water; He gives Himself. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who comes to Him by faith. We can worship Him as Lord and Savior wherever we are.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Why is Jesus better than water?
- The woman at the well went and told others about Jesus. Who have you told about Jesus? Who can you tell?

Family Connection:

Look up the song "Living Water" and listen to it as a family. Look at the lyrics together and talk about what aspects of today's story are seen in the song: what is the same? What is different? How can we use tools like worship music to remind us of truths found in God's Word this week?

Parent Action:

Believers are to be ready and willing to share the Gospel in every circumstance and with everyone they encounter. Are you ready to do that?

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October 20

Title: Jesus Taught about God's Kingdom

Passage: Matthew 13

Christ Connection:

The kingdom of God is growing in the world. This kingdom is valuable and worth giving everything for. While we wait for Jesus to return and fully set up His kingdom, we carry out the mission of telling others about King Jesus, who rescues sinners.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- Have you ever had to give up something to follow Jesus? What was it?
- How can you be a part of growing the kingdom of God?

Family Connection:

Go on a walk with your family throughout your neighborhood, in a park, or on a hike nearby. As you walk talk about the different plants that you see and how they all came from a tiny seed. Depending on the plant, see if you can locate a seed on it to show your children. Talk about they way that God allows us to be a part of planting seeds of the Gospel with the people around us and that God makes those seeds grow.

Parent Action:

Where are you in relation to renewal and commitment to seeing the Gospel spread in your community?

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October 27

Title: Jesus Taught about God's Love

Passage: Luke 15

Christ Connection:

Jesus told these parables to teach about God's love. God sent Jesus so sinners can be forgiven. As Savior, Jesus loves and seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price – His own life – to save people from sin.

Questions to Discuss:

- What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- What does this story teach us about God's love?
- How does Jesus bring us back to God?

Family Connection:

As a parent, share a time when you did something as a child that was disobedient and you were afraid to tell your parents about it. It could be a time when you didn't do something you were supposed to or you broke something, or you were unkind to a sibling. Talk about how nervous you were and what you were afraid might happen. Then share how your parents dealt with it (whether they forgave you or not, whether you were punished, etc.). Ask them if they have a time they can think of where they felt like that too. Remind them that God sees everything we do, and that, just like the parent in this story, God will always welcome you back despite your mistakes – that he asks us to confess and repent of those things, but that he will always forgive us.

Parent Action:

In the parable of the lost son, there is also focus on the older son, his conviction, and what he had to deal with to forgive his lost brother and welcome him back into the father's house. Are we actively praying, seeking, and welcoming the lost and conflicted into the Father's house?