



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Remembering God's blessings helps us to have faith.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn to count their blessings so their trust in God will grow.

KEY PASSAGE:

Joshua 24:1-15. Joshua reminds the people of God's faithfulness.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you." Jeremiah 7:23b (NIV)

SUMMARY:

Having a folder helps us keep track of all that we've finished. God wants us to keep a "folder" of memories of all the good he has done for us. We remember to trust God when we look back at all the things He has done for us.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us, and thank you for always being there. Help us remember your goodness, and strengthen our faith in good times and bad.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



AT HOME DISCUSSION

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Jeremiah 7:23b

Grab a Bible and help your kids find the location of the verse. Don't forget- the table of contents is there to help!

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Grab a deck of cards and get out 4-8 pairs of cards. Play the memory game, giving each kid a chance to turn over two face-down cards as they look for a matching pair. Say: "Remembering things can be tricky, but our story today shows us that it's important to remember what God has done for us."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Joshua 24:1-15

1. Who was Joshua?
2. Why did Joshua give this speech?
3. What were some of the things God did for the Israelites?
4. Why did God put all these stories of faithfulness in the Bible?
5. Why do we need to remember his faithfulness?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for all you have done for us. Help us to remember your goodness so that we can have faith in tough times.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Kids Lesson

Back to School Supplies- Folders

Sunday, September 27th

BIBLE POINT: Remembering God's blessings helps us to have faith.

OBJECTIVE: Kids will learn to count their blessings to their trust in God will grow.

KEY PASSAGE: Joshua 24:1-15. Joshua reminds the people of God's faithfulness.

If your teacher tells you you're going to have a big review test. Where are you going to turn to find the information you need to prepare for that test? Your pencil's not going to help. Your notebook might help a little, but it's not going to have every handout and homework assignment you need. There's only one place to turn to prepare for your test - your folders!

Folders are handy, convenient ways to keep all your schoolwork together. You can use different folders for different subjects, and you can keep all your schoolwork in the pockets or in the brads in between. Folders hold everything you've learned, and they're a great resource to help you review for a test.

There's another folder I want to talk about this morning - one you keep up in your head. It's a folder of memories of the good things God has done for you. We've all had different life experiences, and in our lives, we will all see God at work. All of those memories, stored and saved in a folder in your mind, help us to remember how faithful God is to us.

The Bible itself is a collection of memories of God's faithfulness. From Noah to Abraham, Joseph to Moses, Joshua to Samuel, David to Jesus, we see how God loves us and has been faithful to those who love him.

One man who understood this very well, Joshua, took the time to remind God's people of how faithful God was. Joshua was an old man, and he did not want the people to forget about God. So Joshua gave them this speech.

READ Joshua 24:1-15 as a family

Joshua went step by step through the story of how God saved Israel from slavery and gave them their own homeland. Joshua pulled all these memories out of his memory folder, reminding the Israelites that God is good and will always be good.

That's how God wants us to use our memories of him. We're all going to face challenges in life. They will only grow bigger as we grow older. We need to store all our memories of God's faithfulness so that when we are put to the test, we will stay faithful to God.

You are all going to face different challenges to your faith as you grow older. You will have teachers who tell you that God is only a fairy tale. You will discover that some of your friends don't believe in God either. You will be faced with peer pressure, temptations to do the wrong thing so you can fit in. How will you stand strong and stay faithful in those challenging times?

First, you need to study God's Word. Read all about the things God has done for his people. Read how he promised and then sent Jesus to die for our sins. Read the words of men who loved God and were faithful to God, and see how God always took care of them.

Second, save your own memories of God. Log them in your heart, or go one step further and write them down! A spiritual journal can be a powerful reminder of God's goodness, and it can give you courage to stay faithful when you need it. Whatever it takes, find a way to save and remember the times God has blessed you. You will be thankful you have them when the world tests your faith.

Things may not always work out the way you expect. But even when things don't go our way, God will still be there. He will see us through, and in the end, he will work things out for the best!

We serve a good God, one who is always faithful to those who love them. If we stand strong with God, he will carry us through any test - and he will use us to spread his love to others. It all starts with you starting a folder and storing away the memories of God's goodness.

Remember God's faithfulness, and know that God will always be there when you need Him!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us, and thank you for always being there. Help us remember your goodness, and strengthen our faith in good times and bad.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Follow God, and God will make your paths straight.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn about the narrow way and God's desire for us to walk that road.

KEY PASSAGE:

Proverbs 3:5-6

MEMORY VERSE:

"Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you." Jeremiah 7:23b (NIV)

SUMMARY:

Just like a ruler gives you a guide in centimeters or inches, the Bible gives you a guide for knowing God. A ruler lets you make a straight line. The Bible helps you live your life down a straight path.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to lean on you so we won't go astray, and show us the straight path so we may stay close to you.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



AT HOME DISCUSSION

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Jeremiah 7:23b

Grab a Bible and help your kids find the location of the verse. Don't forget- the table of contents is there to help!

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Have the kids line up side by side. Have them close their eyes and walk forward, trying to walk a straight line. After 10 steps, stop the kids and let them see how they did. If that was too easy, spin them a few times before they start!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

1. Who does Solomon say we need to trust?
2. What will God do if we trust him and lean on him?
3. How is leaning on God like using a ruler to draw a line?
4. What are some thing that can pull us away from God?
5. What should we do when we are tempted to turn away from God?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Please look over all of us, and keep us safe from temptation. Help us to trust in you and stay on the straight path.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Kids Lesson

Back to School Supplies- Ruler

Sunday, October 4th 2020

BIBLE POINT: Follow God and he will make your paths straight.

OBJECTIVE: Kids will learn that trusting God is better than our own way.

KEY PASSAGE: Proverbs 3:5-6

Can anyone tell me what the shortest distance is between two places? It's a straight line. And what school supply makes the best straight lines? It's a ruler. Rulers are an important tool in our backpack, especially if we're doing math or art. Rulers help us to measure distance, but they also provide a straight edge that helps us connect two dots in the shortest, most direct route possible. Rulers are also a great reminder of today's scripture - a verse that tells us how we can find the straightest and best path to live our lives.

READ Proverbs 3:5-6

Solomon says to trust in the Lord with all our hearts. Instead of leaning on our own wisdom, we need to lean on God - the way our pencils lean against our rulers when we draw straight lines. If we do so, Solomon says God will make our paths straight.

This world is full of temptations and distractions, things that will pull us away from God if we're not careful. God wants us to rely on him so that we will not go astray. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, and stay on the straight path.

I'm sure many of you have already encountered some of the things that can pull you off God's path. As a family, talk about things that pull us off God's path. Remember as we talk about this lesson, God's way is perfect. He wants us to follow him, but we fall short. This is where God's grace and forgiveness come in. Even we fall off the path, he is there. He forgives us and helps us get back on track.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean on him, like a pencil leaning on a ruler. He will make your path straight!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Help us to lean on you so we won't go astray, and show us the straight path so we may stay close to you.

In Jesus' name,

Amen