

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: DECEMBER 6-7

Bible Story: Jonah *Jonah 1-4*

Big Idea: God deserves our thanks

Focus: God deserves our thanks because He forgives us

Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever" *Psalms 136:1 (NIRV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on *Jonah 1-4, Psalms 32:1, Ephesians 1:7, 1 John 1:9, Psalms 103:12, Isaiah 43:25*

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell them to repent of their sins. Jonah did not obey God, and he got on a boat that was heading the opposite way, to Tarshish. God sent a wild storm, and the ship was in danger. Jonah knew it was because of his sin, so he told them to throw him overboard. When they did, the storm stopped.

God sent a large fish to swallow Jonah, where he stayed for 3 days. Jonah cried to God for forgiveness, so God had the fish spit Jonah onto dry land. God forgave Jonah and sent Jonah to Nineveh to preach repentance. The people did repent, and God forgave them, too.

He Question: Does God forgive everyone?

Bad things happen because our world is broken by sin. Some things look like they will never be better, but God is greater. He uses everything for His perfect plan to redeem His people and to bring glory to Himself.

We Question: How can I be forgiven of my sin?

The Bible says that all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will be forgiven and saved. Belief in Jesus is believing that He died for sins, rose again to life, and following Him.

Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



Before going to bed, talk to your child about mistakes they have made. Maybe you can share a mistake that you have made this week. Talk with them about how we sin and recognizing our sins and asking for forgiveness is so important. God loves us so much that he sent his son to die on the cross for our mistakes.

December 6-7 | 2nd-4th

WEEK 1

God TIME

DAY 1

READ "Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good. His faithful love continues forever".
Psalms 136:1 (NIRV)

It is the last week to work on memorizing this verse. Christmas is just around the corner!! To get into the Christmas spirit, let's put this verse to a popular Christmas tune. Pick a Christmas song to sing the words of this verse to. It may take a few tries to find the right melody.

What song did you sing this verse to?

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that God always deserves our thanks.

DAY 2

READ *Ephesians 1:7, 1 John 1:9, Psalms 103:12 (NIRV)*

What do these verses have in common?

Sin is anything wrong that you do. Stealing something from the store, disobeying your parents, hitting your brother or sister are all examples of sin. If you recognize the wrong things you do and ask God to forgive you of those, He will! He loves you so much that He would forgive you of those mistakes.

Write out a sin that you have done. Then with a black marker or crayon scribble over it. Let this be a reminder that he removes those sins and forgives you.

KNOW that God deserves our thanks because He forgives us

DAY 3

READ Jonah 1-4 (NirV)

This week in large group, you heard the story of Jonah. He did not want to obey God when he was asked to go to Nineveh. Jonah jumped on a boat headed for the opposite direction, gets stuck in a storm, and ends up in the belly of a big fish. Jonah realizes he disobeyed God and asks for forgiveness. Does God forgive him? YES! And God will forgive you of your mistakes if you ask Him.

Unscramble these important words from the story.

EHIVENN _____
 LISROAS _____
 SIFH _____
 MROST _____
 HOAJN _____
 SNESEGOFRIV _____

BE THANKFUL that God forgives us

**HEY PARENTS
SIGN HERE!**

**Have a parent sign your
completed GodTime.**

Parent signature _____

Date _____

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ I am the one who wipes out your lawless acts. I do it because of who I am. I will not remember your sins anymore." Isaiah 43:25 (NirV)

Think through your week. Has there been something you have done that was wrong? Did you fight with your brother or sister? Did you disobey your parents? Just like God forgave Jonah in our Bible story this week, God forgives you. If you recognize your mistakes and ask him to forgive you He will because He loves you so much!

Take a moment and pray. Thank Him for loving you. Ask him to forgive you when you make bad choices.

"Dear God, thank you for loving me so much. You deserve all of my thanks. Help me to recognize the bad choices I make and be quick to ask for forgiveness. In Your name I pray, Amen."

PRAY and thank God because He forgives us

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

December 6-7	2nd Grade
December 13-14	1st Grade
January 10-11	Kindergarten
January 17-18	4th Grade
January 24-25	3rd Grade

Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

Bring a friend 1 Buck
 Bring your Bible 1 Buck
 Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
 Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
 UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks



Child's Name: _____