

Week 3 | August 24-30

Hey Faith Kids!

Did you know that God wants to be your friend? And just like with our other friends, we can become better friends with God by spending time with him, learning about him, and talking to him. We do this by going to church and worshipping with other believers, reading his Word (the Bible), and talking to God through prayer. For the next 6 weeks, we want to encourage your family to do these things together.

Each week we will encourage you to:

Read a
scripture
passage
from the
Bible.

Hide
God's
Word
in your
heart.

Pray
as a
family.

Take
grace
to the
world!

Hey Parents!

We know family devotions can be tough. Finding time is hard. Kids don't always sit still. You might even lose your temper. Can we encourage you to try anyway? Time with God is never wasted. We hope this is a blessing to your family, even if it's short and sweet. Make it work for your family: do all four parts in one day or pick one to focus on all week. Swap an activity or come up with your own. Don't be discouraged. Our kids don't need us to be perfect, just faithful. We are rooting for you!

Faith
Kids

Free to Rest: I am the Resurrection and the Life

READ

Read John 11: 1-44

When Lazarus died, his sisters Mary and Martha were heartbroken. But Jesus had a bigger plan. He waited, on purpose, so that He could reveal something amazing: He is the Resurrection and the Life. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he proved that He is stronger than death. And if Jesus can defeat death, we can have assurance that when he says he gives eternal life to all who believe, we belong to Jesus forever.

MEMORIZE

Memorize John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if they die. And whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (NIV)

This week we learned about assurance – the peace of knowing we're saved forever when we believe in Jesus. When we know we have assurance in Christ, we are free to rest. On the next page, you will find six pillows. Divide the memory verse above into 6 phrases. Write one phrase on each pillow and cut them out. Take turns putting the pillows in order to learn the verse.

PRAY

Pray for believers around the world. Take some time, as appropriate for your family, to discuss the persecution of the Church. Some believers cannot be open about their faith or they will face harsh treatment, violence, or even death. Pray for Christians to remember that we have a God who is powerful over all things, including death.

TAKE GRACE

Be intentional about the Sabbath this week. Choose one day (or morning or evening) to rest as a family. Maybe rest means watching a favorite show on the couch. Or maybe it looks like going out to eat together. Maybe it's a day with no electronics or time spent outdoors. Whatever rest looks like for your family, make it a priority. God commands it, and we know we have peace in Christ, which gives us the freedom to obey.

