

Week 5 | Sept 7 - 13

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!

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Free to Enjoy: I am the True Vine

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READ

Read John 15:1-11

In John 15 Jesus gives His disciples a picture to help them understand what it means to follow Him. He says, "I am the True Vine, and you are the branches." Just like a branch must stay connected to the vine to grow and produce fruit, we need to stay connected to Jesus to grow strong in our faith and enjoy the life He gives. Jesus teaches that we can't grow or become who He wants us to be on our own. We have to abide in Him, and through that dependent relationship, He brings us great joy.

MEMORIZE

Memorize John 15:5

"I am the vine. You are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit. You can't do anything without me."
(NirV)

Go outside and write this verse in chalk. Say it together as a family. Then take an old sponge and water and scrub away one word. Repeat the verse filling in the missing word from memory. Keep erasing one word at a time and repeating the verse as a family until it has disappeared from the driveway and made its way onto your hearts!

PRAY

Go around the table and ask everyone about their day in this way:

- What was your "rose" today? (something positive or beautiful)
- What was your "thorn"? (something negative or painful)
- What was your "bud"? (something new or an area in which you want to grow)

Go around the circle and pray for the person on your right until everyone has received prayer.

TAKE GRACE

Find a garden to tend, a flower to plant, or maybe some trees to prune. You can work in your own yard or find a neighbor or someone in need and offer your support, free of charge! As you work together, have intentional conversation with each other by asking a few of these questions:

- What did Jesus mean when he said he was the True Vine?
- Look at the strong trunks of trees and the thin branches. Which part depends on the other? How does that relate to us?
- Why do we prune plants? What does it look like for God to prune us?
- Did God command us to produce fruit or abide in Him?