

December 27, 2020

"That is you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raise him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Calendar Events:

Church Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25. Church Office will close at noon on Thursday, December 31.

You may still reach a church staff member, if necessary, but calling the church office and dialing the church staff member extension. Church staff phones are forwarded.



FBCG Kids



Hands-on Faith—Family Devotions

God Is Faithful

Scripture: *Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23)*

Play: Go on a scavenger hunt in your home. Each person should find one thing that is "strong." As a family, talk about the items you gathered and why you chose them. Then test each item to prove that it is strong in some way.

Talk: In [Joshua 1:7](#), God tells Joshua to "be strong and very courageous." Joshua's strength comes from God and not from his abilities. In the same way, people today are asked by God to do things such as loving their neighbor, doing what is right by their enemy and feeding the poor. When you allow God to strengthen you, He freely demonstrates that He is faithful to you. Because of Jesus' example and God's strength, people can do what God requires, even when their natural inclination may be to love only those who are good to

them, to do what is right by themselves and to feed only their own friends. In [1 Thessalonians 5:24](#), the apostle Paul says, "The one who calls you is faithful." God will never ask you to do something without faithfully giving you the strength to complete the task.

Pray: Thank God for His faithfulness — for being strong when we are weak and for being with us no matter where we are. — *Janine Petry*

God's Love Is Faithful

Scripture: *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38, 39)*

Play: For one full day, try to treat others well. The "others" should be your family and everyone else around you. Do

your best to keep from becoming upset, impatient or annoyed, regardless of what others do or how they treat you.

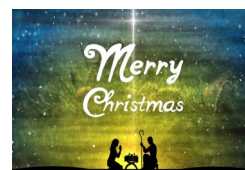
Talk: [Proverbs 20:6](#) questions whether anyone has unfailing love as God does. It asks, "But a faithful man who can find?" Then throughout the Old Testament, writers constantly praise the faithfulness of God's love. As a believer, God helps you be more consistent in your relationships with others because of His faithfulness. You may not be able to perfectly love others by yourself, but God empowers you to more faithfully love others.

Pray: Tell God how you intend to consistently treat others well, but sometimes don't. Thank God for His unfailing love and ask Him to help you love better. — *Janine Petry*

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Resources—Family Discipleship

- **My Church Notebooks**, for Preschool and for Elementary. <https://www.truth78.org/my-church-notebooks>
- **The Fighter Verse Study, Set 1.** <https://www.truth78.org/the-fighter-verses-study-set-1-coloring-book> This book has 52 lessons with Scripture memory, color pages, and Bible reading. Recommended for 3 years—3rd grades.
- **Making HIM Known Series** (8 books) - 26 chapters/lessons per book. For Elementary age.



There is a **Prayer Wall** on the church website. The Prayer Wall is a place to post a prayer need or to pray for the needs that were posted.

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Abide

“Abide in Me” John 15:4
The word “abide” here means to rest or remain. We are to rest, remain in God’s presence. Using the letters of the word ABIDE, you will find steps you can do daily to invite God’s presence into your home. I hope this encourages you and helps you find God’s peace and presence in your home.

- A: Ask.**
- B: Bible.**
- I: Investigate.**
- D: Dwell.**
- E: Everyone.**

A is for Ask.

When you wake up in the morning, ASK God to show up during your day. Here are some ideas:

- When you wake everyone up, take a minute to say: “Good morning! Let’s ask God to bless our day.”
- At the breakfast table, take a moment as you say grace to say: “God, let us feel your presence today.”
- During your morning routines, challenge older kids to pray while they get dressed, brush their teeth, etc. and ask God to show up during their day.
- As you pour your coffee, say—“God, let me see your presence in my day with my family today.”

B is for Bible.

The Bible is one of the ways God speaks to us. Before lunch, find a way to hear from God’s Word. Change it up by:

- Choosing a family memory verse & reciting it together every morning.
- Listening to a chapter from the Bible on the Bible App.

- Finding an audiobook or album of kids’ Bible stories and listening to them.
- Instead of worrying about QUANTITY, focus on letting God’s Word get into your heart.

I is for Investigate.

Kids love to INVESTIGATE. Today, take some time to INVESTIGATE and look for God’s presence. This is simply the practice of pausing and asking - “Where can we see God today?” Here are some ideas:

- When you’re outside playing, take some time to observe creation around you, and remind your kids—“God made that!”
- When you have conversations with family or friends virtually, look for ways you can share God’s love, or ways they are sharing God’s love to you.
- Encourage your kids to listen for God’s voice or look for His work all throughout their day. Have everyone report at dinnertime what they heard or saw.

D is for Dwell.

One of the best ways to abide in Jesus is to DWELL in God’s presence. Try to take at least two minutes each day to dwell in His presence. Here are some ideas:

- Challenge everyone to be quiet 1 minute in your house. While they are quiet, get them to think about the things they love about God.
- Play a worship song (or playlist), shut off all other devices, and have everyone sing or worship along.
- As you sit around the dinner table, add a little extra time to your grace (only a

moment) to pause and thank God for everything He’s done today—without rushing.

E is for Everyone.

No one in your house is too young or too old to ABIDE in Jesus. EVERYONE can participate. Here are a few tips:

- Start small with your toddlers and preschoolers. Use one-sentence prayers to start your day. Narrate what’s happening during your day and point to God: “We’re going for a walk. I love to look at what God made.” Use a short memory verse to get God’s Word in their hearts.
- Let your elementary age kids really take the lead on investigating and looking for God. Let them choose the Bible stories and passages you’ll listen to together, or worship song for the day. Remember there are no “right” answers when you reflect on where you saw God—and encourage them to dig deeper.
- Make your preteens the leaders of this adventure in your home. They will love the opportunity to choose a family memory verse, lead the conversation by asking everyone—“Where did you see God today?” or choosing how your family will dwell in God’s presence today.
- Even teens and young adults can participate in this exercise. Encourage them to follow these steps in their own, private times.
- Adults need to abide too!

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Mission Moment ...



Rohingya. Many of the Rohingya people have been forced from their home country, Myanmar. Most of the Rohingya are Muslims. Since 2017, the Rohingya has fled their home country into nearby places, including

Bangladesh. These people could only take what they could carry as they walked long distances and cross rivers in small boats. Rohingya refugees live in camps. This is NOT like summer camp. These are temporary shelters and are often overcrowded.

There are refugee camps in Bangladesh, Malaysia, and Italy. We have missionaries that are serving the Rohingya people specifically. A portion of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will go to assist the needs here. Pray for the Rohingya refugees to hear the good news about Jesus.