

March 7, 2021

"And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him." Joshua 24:24

FBCG Kids



Hands on Faith—Family Devotionals

Show God's Faithfulness to Others

Scripture: *I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.*

([1 Timothy 1:12](#))

Play: Look through a photo album. Talk about your favorite memories of your family and friends. Consider how you have influenced some of them and they have changed you.

Talk: Old Faithful — a geyser at Yellowstone National Park — erupts approximately 17 times per day, every 30 to 120 minutes, for one to five minutes! Why do you think it was named "Old Faithful?" God wants us to be reliable, just like this geyser in Yellowstone. Our consistency in loving and caring for others will demonstrate God's faithfulness to them.

Pray: Thank God for the people He has put in your life — your family, friends and others. Ask Him how you can show them His faithfulness. —*Janine Petry*

What's Inside Shows on the Outside

Scripture: *The good man brings good things out of the good stored*

up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

([Luke 6:43-45](#))

Play: As you pass various businesses, guess the goods or services they offer customers, based solely on the outside structure. Point out the types of businesses that younger children would recognize.

Talk: Figuring out what kinds of things each store sells can be easy from the outside. Restaurant windows may have posters showing the food they serve; clothing stores probably display clothes in the windows; sometimes you can even see people with their pets walking into pet stores. Humans are sort of like that. What's inside of us will eventually show on the outside. [Luke 6:43-45](#) says that what we have stored in our hearts shows in our words and actions. What kinds of thoughts and beliefs do you think God wants us to store in our hearts?

Pray: Pray that God will help you to store "good things" in your heart. —*Naomi Cassata*

The Great Commission Starts at Home

Scripture: *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* ([Matthew 28:19](#))

Play: Play a game of telephone: Whisper a sentence about Jesus, and let the last person proclaim it loudly. Play the game a few times using different messages and taking turns "proclaiming" the Good News.

Talk: The message of Jesus' love and forgiveness is the most important message of all. Jesus wants the whole world to know it. In [Matthew 28:19](#), He told His disciples to share the Good News with everyone. That's called the Great Commission. How can we share God's message of love and forgiveness with others?

Pray: Ask God to help you proclaim boldly what He has taught you in His Word.

—*Naomi Cassata*

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Calendar Events:

March 15—19 Spring Break

April 2-3 Family Easter Scavenger Hunt. Register online. www.fbcgreenville.com/events

April 4 Easter sunrise service at the Homeplace.

April 9-10 Preteen Weekend. Register online.

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Resources ... Preparing for Easter

[The Tale of the Three Trees: A Traditional Folktale](#), Angela Elwell Hunt

[The Parable of the Lily](#), Liz Curtis Higgs

[The Legend of the Easter Egg](#), Lori Walburg

[Clean on the Inside?](#) Erica Dawson. An 8-day family devotional for Holy Week.

[Way to the Savior](#)—Jeff, Abbey Land. 40 day devotional for Easter.

Resurrection Eggs.

[The Very First Easter](#), Paul L. Maier

[Benjamin's Box](#), Melody Carlson

[Trail to the Tree, an Easter Devotional](#). Ann Voskamp



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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Fruit of the Spirit

“Do you have anything in your closet that has a peace sign on it? We see peace signs everywhere. Every beauty queen always wants *world peace*. **Why is that?**”

Why do you think this is a fruit of the Spirit?

First off, let’s talk about how we have peace with God. We see this through Christ’s death.

Read Romans 5:1-2. Why do we have peace with God?

Read Isaiah 26:3-4. This is describing the peace of the nation of Israel given by God, but it also applies to our lives because we know that God is the giver of peace. We find individual peace by our minds staying on God (v.3). This is by trusting that God is faithful and alone worthy of our trust.

According to verse 4, why should we trust in the Lord forever?

Read Philippians 4:7.

Just like we know we can be joyful and content during trials, we know that we have peace from God. He says in this verse that He will guard our hearts

and minds in Christ.

Why is this important to remember?

Read Colossians 3:15.

What do you think it means to for the peace of Christ to rule in your heart?

The word rule here is talking about a form of authority-- we are choosing to let Christ’s peace rule our hearts and ultimately guide our hearts. We choose to trust God that He has our best interest in mind. That He is working for our good-- just like your parents always say, “I know what’s best for you.” This is an active choice we make! We choose to trust God. We do this by reminding ourselves who we are trusting in!

Peace isn’t something that just comes naturally to us. As girls, we can sometimes stir trouble and drama up faster than anybody else! However, we are not only called to live a life at peace with the Lord, but with one another, as well.

Read Psalm 34:13-14.

What does it mean to keep our tongues and lips from speaking deceit? (ex: gossip, lying, etc.)

Read 2 Timothy 2:22.

What things are we supposed to pursue according to this verse?

Notice the use of *pursue* here. It’s an action word! We have to choose to be at peace with others. We have to *actively* try to be at peace, loving and faithful towards others.

In a drama filled world, this is an active choice! We have to be thinking of peace when it comes to our words, actions, texts, etc. This doesn’t mean we won’t experience conflict with others. It’s okay to disagree and have situations that need to be dealt with. However, we must always resolve conflict biblically and with peace as the end goal.

Take a moment and look through your texts from the last couple of days. Was there any text that you sent that would have been sent differently if you had these verses above in mind? Is there somebody that you need to ask forgiveness from? Or someone that you need to actively pursue peace with more?

Pray for the relationships, people or situations that always seem to bring you heartache. Ask the Lord to speak peace over these situations. Pray that the Lord will give you the wisdom and words to show His peace to others today. By Stephanie Miller
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Mission Moment ...



During this time of the year, we may hear about the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This offering supports the North American Baptist Missionaries in the United States, Canada, and their territories. 100% of all gifts go to the mission field.

The Week of Prayer emphasis is March 7—14. This year, the feature missionaries are:

- Day One: Shahid & Maroofa Kamil, Delta, British Columbia.
- Day Two: Ryan & Tricia McCammack, Avondale Estates, Georgia.
- Day Three: Victor & Ludmila Moura, Somerville, Mass.
- Day Four: Anders & Jessica Snyder, Nampa, Idaho.
- Day Five: Joshua Valdez, Farmington, New Mexico.
- Day Six: Bobby & Lakeisha Williams, Slidell, Louisiana.
- Day Seven: Jacob & Francine Zailian, Sanger, California.
- Day Eight: Steadfast on Mission, Keven Ezell, NAMB President.

To read more about their ministries and their specific prayer requests, click here: <https://www.anniearmstrong.com/week-of-prayer/>