

HEY FAMILIES!

Here's what we're learning:



MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. **(Psalm 145:18)**

THE MAN AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA

John 5:1-18

Week 1

Brite Idea: Jesus is near when we are lonely.

He Question: Is Jesus always with us?

Jesus promised that He would never leave us or forsake us. He is always near to us no matter where we are or what is happening.

We Question: Why do I feel so alone sometimes?

Our earthly relationships will never be enough because we were made to be best friends with God. Jesus is the very best friend we can ever have.

CALMING OF THE STORM

Mark 4:35-41

Week 2

Brite Idea: Jesus is near when we are scared.

He Question: What does Jesus have power over?

Jesus is fully God and fully human. He has power over everything, including nature, sickness, and even death.

We Question: What can we do when we are afraid?

We can remember that Jesus is more powerful than anything we face. He loves us and is with us. We can pray to Him.

A DAUGHTER & A WOMAN

Mark 5:21-43

Week 3

Brite Idea: Jesus is near when we feel hopeless.

He Question: How does Jesus give hope?

Jesus has the power to heal what is broken in us, including forgiving our sin and making us new. One day, He will make the whole broken world new again.

We Question: How can we give hope to others?

We can share the hope of Jesus by sharing the good news of how He's made a way for us to live forever with Him.

LAZARUS

John 11:1-44

Week 4

Brite Idea: Jesus is near when we are sad.

He Question: Does Jesus understand how we feel?

Jesus was fully human and fully God. Because He was human, He felt all the same emotions that we do.

We Question: Why do sad things happen?

Our world is broken by sin. God uses every bad and sad thing to bring us closer to Him and to bring glory to Himself.

FAMILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
REMEMBER & RESPOND	WONDER & DISCUSS	EXPLORE	REVIEW	PUT INTO PRACTICE	PREPARE AHEAD
WEEK 1 ----- Jesus is near when we are lonely. What does this mean for me?	READ TOGETHER: Psalm 68:6a What families do you think this verse is talking about?	Make a list of ways you can help your friends and family battle loneliness. Try a few out!	PSALM 148:18 What does it mean to call on the Lord in truth?	Think of someone in your life who might be lonely. Invite them into your home to share a meal or play a game.	Talk about what it would be like to be on a boat during a storm. READ TOGETHER: Mark 4:35-41 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 2 ----- Jesus is near when we are scared. What does this mean for me?	READ TOGETHER: Isaiah 41:10 What does this verse tell us about being afraid?	Create boats from apple slices, pretzel sticks (mast) and cheese (sail). Retell the story of Jesus calming the storm.	PSALM 145:18 When we don't feel near to God what can we do?	Write your biggest fear or worry on a slip of paper. Put them in a bowl and read them aloud. Take turns praying for each other.	Play a game of uno or another card game as a family. READ TOGETHER: Mark 5:21-43 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 3 ----- Jesus is near when we feel hopeless. What does this mean for me?	READ TOGETHER: Romans 15:13 What happens when we are full of hope because of God?	Create an indoor obstacle course and complete it together. Then, blind-fold your child and guide them through it.	PSALM 145:18 When we don't feel near to God what can we do?	Write down things that feel hopeless. Talk about and pray over how we can have hope in those situations.	Have a frown contest. Who can hold it the longest before laughing? READ TOGETHER: John 11:1-44 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 4 ----- Jesus is near when we are sad. What does this mean for me?	READ TOGETHER: John 11:35 How does it make you feel that Jesus was sad?	Read John 11:1-44 together. Wrap a family member in toilet paper like they are Lazarus. Act out the Bible story.	PSALM 145:18 Are there worries that you want to talk about to God?	Make a Prayer Promise. Anytime anyone needs prayer, they can ask a family member to sit with them and pray for Jesus to comfort them.	Gather leaves and branches and have a family parade. READ TOGETHER: Luke 19:28-40 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?

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