

Hello 2nd and 3rd Grade Parents!

I made some changes for HCKids At Home this month.

- **THE LINK TO THE VIDEO IS IN THIS DOCUMENT. (PAGE 3)**
- I also added a "Parent Cue Blog" for ideas to reflect on personally and to inspire you to share God's wisdom with your child(ren).

Here are some At Home Activities *suggestions* for you to do with your child(ren). Everyone is different, so feel free to pick any or all of these ideas to fit the needs and desires of your family.

YOUR CHILD WILL EARN 3 POINTS TO SPEND AT THE STORE FOR EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY AND 10 POINTS FOR A COMPLETED "GOD TIME"

~ PLEASE EMAIL ME POINTS EARNED EACH WEEK ~

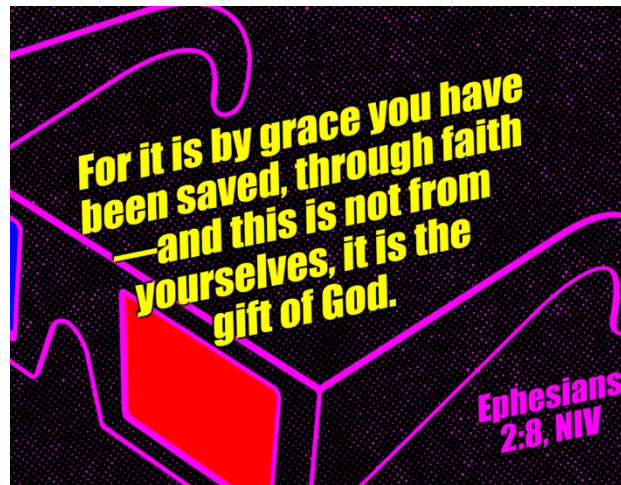
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Also, don't forget to fill out the hckids online connection card to say "hi" or to let us know your prayer requests or questions: <https://hillcrestcov.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/284/responses/new>

Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith, and having fun during our time apart!
Please reach out if you need anything at all.

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FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, WE WILL BE STUDYING:



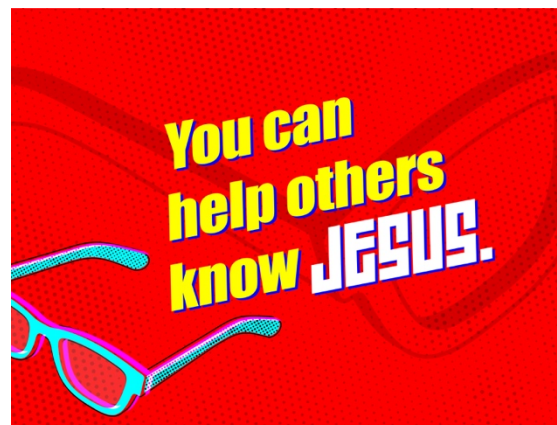
THIS WEEK WE FOCUS ON:

BIBLE STORY

Acts 17:16-34.



BOTTOM LINE



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. **WATCH VIDEO HERE:** <https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/ed54216d-ddf3-465a-9190-7bc1d6a292e9>

2. **TALK ABOUT: Traveling Story - Bible Story Review**

What You Need: “Travels of Paul” cards (Next Page), Athens and Thessalonica signs, painter’s tape, trophies (or different objects)

What You Do:

- Create and tape the “Thessalonica” sign to the wall or set it on the floor on one side of the room Place a Bible near this sign.
- Create and tape the “Athens” sign on the wall or set it on the floor on the opposite side of the room. Place another Bible and all of the trophies (or objects) near the sign.
- Make sure you have the “Travels of Paul” cards with you.
- Walk to the Thessalonica sign.
- Read “Travel Card 1”
 - ASK: Were there people in Thessalonica who listened to Paul and chose to put their trust in Jesus? *(Yes, everywhere they went, people listened and believed.)*
 - Why couldn’t Paul and Silas stay in Thessalonica? *(For help, look up Acts 17:5 and Acts 17:10.)*
 - You can say together: **“Everywhere he went, Paul would say, ‘Jesus (point to the sky) is the way.’” (Point your hands out in front of you.)**
- Read “Travel Card 2”
 - Has you walk to “Athens” continue to say: **“Everywhere he went, Paul would say, ‘Jesus (point to the sky) is the way.’” (Point your hands out in front of you.)**
- Read “Travel Card 3”
 - Why was Paul upset by what he saw in Athens? What were the people worshipping or putting their trust in? *(There were “gods” or statues all over the city that people worshipped. The people thought those gods were in charge of different things. Paul wanted to point them to the one true God.)*
 - Repeat: **“Everywhere he went, Paul would say, ‘Jesus (point to the sky) is the way.’” (Point your hands out in front of you.)**
 - SAY: “The people in Athens worshipped statues they had built with their own hands. That would be like you and me bowing down and praying to one of these trophies (or objects).”
 - Read Acts 17:24-25. What did Paul say about God in these verses? *(God made the world and everything in it! He doesn’t live in temples built by human hands. He doesn’t need anything from us. He gives life and breath to every living thing.)*

What You Say:

“Can you imagine if you’d lived in Athens back then with these statues all over the place? The craziest was the one Paul found that said, ‘to an unknown god.’ I’m so glad that the one true God isn’t UNKNOWN to us. He has made a way for us to know Him by sending his only Son, Jesus!

“What are some things we know about God? I’ll get us started. We know that God loves us. We know He gave us Jesus. What are some other things we know about God?

(Help them think about the attributes of God that we can emulate with His help—like being kind, honest, trustworthy, and forgiving.)

“These are things we know about God. And just like Paul, we can TELL people what we know about God. But we can also SHOW what we know! Since God is loving and kind, we can be loving and kind to others. Since God is forgiving, He can help us forgive others, too. God sent Jesus to show us what He’s like. And we can help others know Jesus by the words we say and the way we live. Remember, **[Bottom Line] you can help others know Jesus.**”

[Make it Personal] (Give an age-appropriate example of a time when you helped someone else know Jesus through your actions. Maybe you were kind to someone who isn't always kind to you. Maybe you forgave someone even when you didn't feel like it.)

Card 1

Whenever Paul traveled to a new place, he would usually find the synagogue—that's the place of worship for Jews—and start there. Paul went to the Jewish synagogue in Thessalonica where he taught about Jesus to anyone who would listen!

Card 2

Wherever Paul went, people listened to his teaching and put their trust in Jesus. But there was a group of Jews who didn't like what Paul had to say. This group forced Paul and Silas to flee Thessalonica and head to Berea. After teaching the people there about Jesus, they headed to Athens.

Card 3

When Paul walked around the city of Athens, he found statues of all their false gods. They believed in thousands of false gods. People were putting their faith and trust in these man-made statues! Paul went to the synagogue and to the marketplace in Athens, preaching to anyone who would listen about the one TRUE God.

What to Do:

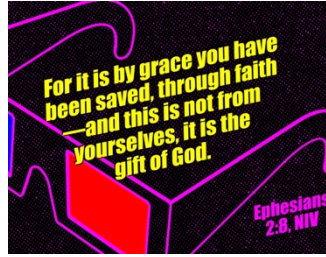
Print and cut apart. Provide one set of cards for each small group.

Travels of Paul

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3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY - Bible Study

- Read Ephesians 2:8



- Look at the scenarios below and discuss what's happening in the picture, then look up and read the verse on the card.
- Decide how to act out what the verse says you should do to help others know Jesus.



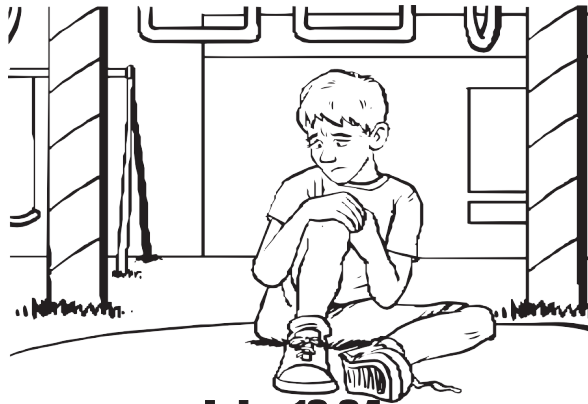
Ephesians 4:32



Proverbs 17:17



John 15:12



John 13:34

Show It Scenario Cards
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What to Do:
Print and cut apart. Provide one set of cards for each small group.

What You Say:

“There are LOTS of ways **[Bottom Line]** you can help others know Jesus. It’s not just about talking to friends about God or inviting them to church. It’s about treating others the way Jesus would treat them. You have opportunities every day to do this! So, this week, when you find yourself in a situation where you could choose to respond your own way or to follow Jesus’ way, think about how **[Bottom Line]** you can help others know Jesus.”

4. PRAY TOGETHER

What You Need: Paper, pencils, or markers

- Write down things they know to be true about God; truths that they could share with someone else.
- Hang the page somewhere to remind them things they could say about God to others.
- Close in prayer, asking God to give them courage like Paul to share this knowledge with others, remembering that **[Bottom Line] you can help others know Jesus.**

What You Say:

“Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus! We are so thankful that You are not an unknown God to us! You’ve given us Your Word and You sent Jesus. We want everyone around us to know just how much You love them, too. Give us the courage like Paul to tell others about You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

5. PARENT CUE BLOG FOR REFLECTION

JULY WEEK 2 2020

FAMILY VOICE

By Carey Nieuwhof

There’s this thing that I believe every family has. I don’t actually know what to call it. If we were having a conversation, I wouldn’t be able to imitate it.

But I know it when I hear it. I hear it in shopping malls, in crowds, when families get into and out of their homes and cars, at restaurants, and when I’m a guest in someone’s home. I’ve heard it for years in my home. And I have one too.

What is it? This isn’t the scientific name for it at all, but in my head, I call it *family voice*. You know what I’m talking about. It’s the tone of voice you would never use except around the people closest to you. It contains hints of expectation, exasperation, frustration, and quiet fatigue. Add in tones of command, whining and a touch of rudeness, and you’ve got family voice. Sometimes it’s strong. Sometimes it’s subtle. But all the time it’s reserved for the people you live with.

If you used it at work, you’d be shunned or maybe even get fired. If you used it in your social circle, you’d have no friends. You’re likely distant enough as a grown adult to not use it on your parents or siblings anymore. Chances are you only pull it out in the square box you inhabit with a handful of other people we call family.

And ultimately, it’s disrespectful. That’s why you would never use it on other people. But somehow on the people we love most we feel free to pull it out regularly. I don’t know why. We just do.

So, if you want to increase the level of respect you show for each other at home, try this: eliminate your family voice. I know, it’s hard. Because I’m convinced, we don’t even hear it in ourselves anymore after a period of years.

When I catch myself, this is what I do: I pretend my wife and kids are perfect strangers, someone from work, or a friend I haven't seen in a while. Why? Because then I'm kind, courteous, charming, and engaged. Which is what they deserve. Every day.

Try it today. Speak to your family as if they weren't your family. You might be amazed at what happens to the levels of respect and delight in your home. (And let us know how it goes.)

For more blog posts
and parenting resources, visit:

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AVAILABLE FOR IOS AND ANDROID DEVICES

6. GOD-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO REINFORCE BIBLE STUDY (LAST 2 PAGES)

~ WORTH 10 POINTS FOR THE "STORE" ~

FAITH
TRUSTING IN WHAT
YOU CAN'T SEE
BECAUSE OF WHAT
YOU CAN SEE

READ ACTS 1:8

DAY 1

When Jesus gave the command to His disciples to share the good news that He had come to save the world, He started out first by reminding them that they would have the power of the Holy Spirit inside them. Then He moved on to challenge them to share in their own city, then to the next region, and then to one even further out, and so on, until the entire world has heard the good news.

Disciples and Holy Spirit → Jerusalem → Judea → Samaria → The world

What is the closest part of your world—maybe there are people in your house who you can help to get to know Jesus? Or your neighborhood or school? Make your own version of Jesus' challenge to the disciples:

_____ and Holy Spirit → _____ → _____ → _____ → The world
(Your name)

Ask God to help you share the great news about Jesus with others.

READ MATTHEW 5:16

Have you ever heard the phrase "actions speak louder than words"? When it comes to helping others know Jesus, this is also true. We need to tell others about Jesus, but we also have to make sure that the way we're living our lives shines His light to others. If our actions don't line up with our words, it will be hard for people to get to know Jesus.

Find a sticky note or index card. Cut out a square, and then cut the cross out inside of it, making it like a stencil. Tape the stencil to a light or lamp in your room. Every time you turn your light on, notice how your eye is drawn to the cross. The same thing can happen when you shine YOUR light with the way you act and show love to others, they will be drawn to Jesus!

Look for ways to shine your light and help others know Jesus.

READ MARK 16:15

DAY 3

Reading these words from Jesus may be a little intimidating. ALL the world? You may be thinking, **"I'm just a kid. How can I go into all the world?"**

The good news is that there are some people who are already out there sharing God's love and the good news about Jesus. We can be a part of what they're doing by praying for them, talking to others about the work they're doing, and donating money and supplies to help them.

With a parent's permission, do some internet research to find a missionary or organization serving in a part of the world that interests you. (Compassion International is a great one!) Find out what some of their needs are, and write them down so you can pray for them. And consider donating money or your time to help further their cause of helping others know Jesus.

Ask God how you can be a part of what He's doing in the world.

READ JEREMIAH 1:7-8

DAY 4

Yesterday you did some research and found out about some missionaries or organizations doing great work to share the good news of Jesus. Praying for those groups is great and super important! But God has more for you. He spoke to the prophet Jeremiah and told him no matter how young he was, God had a big plan for His life. He feels the same way about you! There are things you can begin doing today to help others know Jesus.

Make a list of talents and resources you have:

Now, how can you use those gifts to serve others and help them know Jesus? Maybe you can bake cookies to sell and donate the money to the organization you learned about yesterday. Maybe you could write a poem about how God's love has changed you and submit it to your school paper. Or maybe you could put your organizational skills to work and organize a neighborhood garage sale so you can donate the proceeds to a local shelter.

Look for ways you can share Jesus with others even though you're young!

**You can
help others
know JESUS!**

