

Hello 4th and 5th 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:

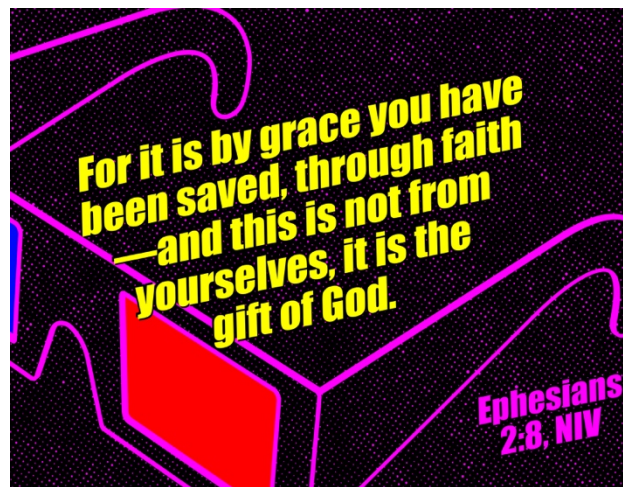
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Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith, and having fun during our time apart!
Please reach out if you need anything at all.

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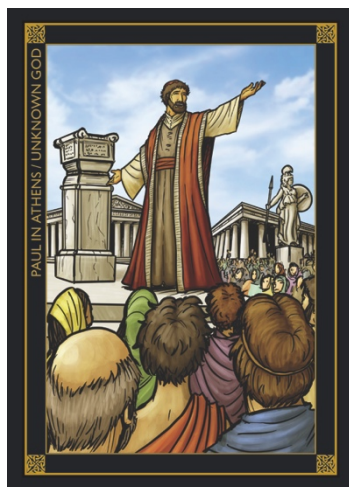
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, WE WILL BE STUDYING:



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/f37a36f9-1efb-4d9e-b709-6aa72d23ed95>

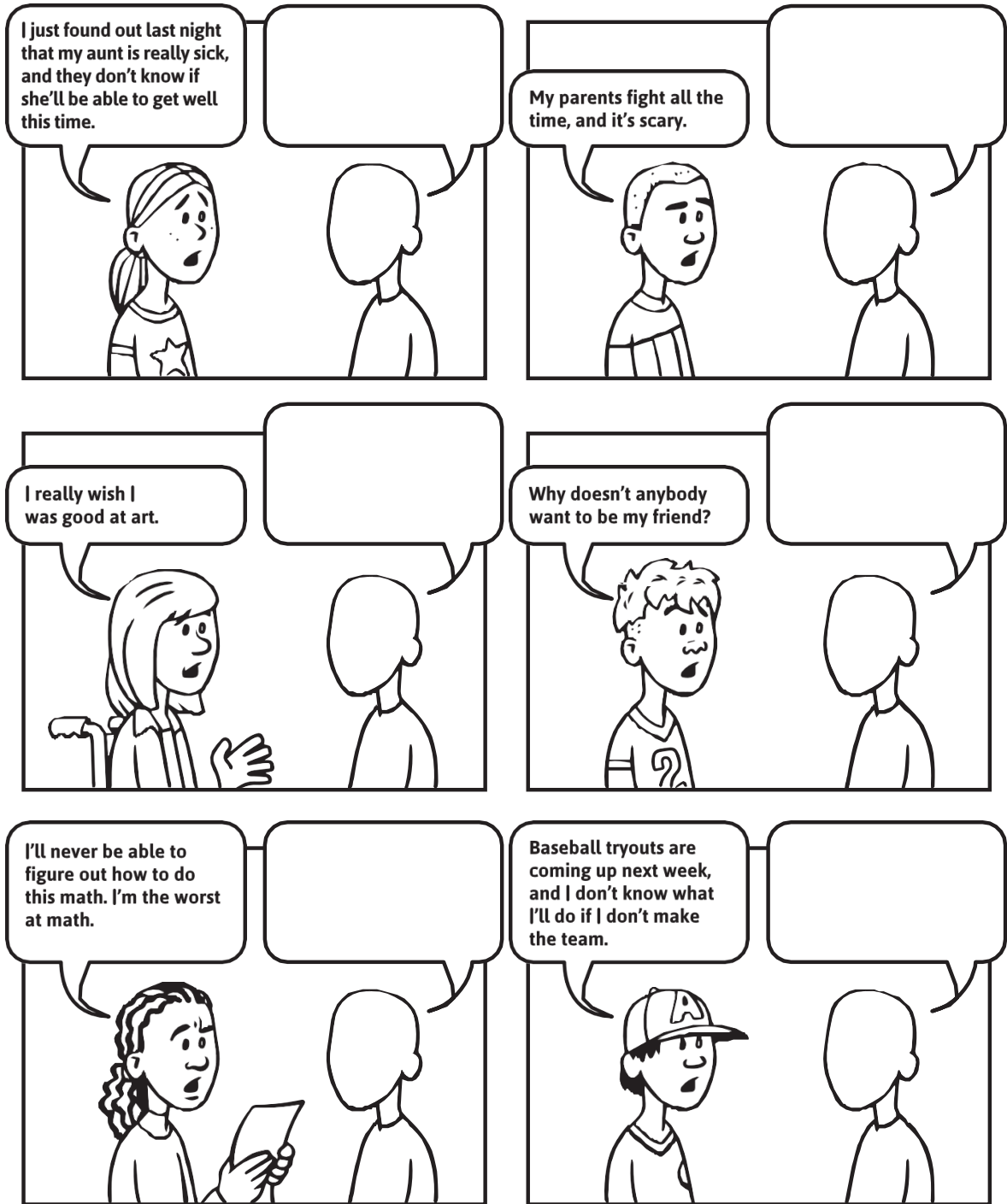
2. **TALK ABOUT:** How can you help others know Jesus?

What You Need: “The Jesus Response” (Next Page) markers or colored pencils

- Each square is a partially complete comic and explain how they need to fill it in.
 - There is a person saying something about the hard thing they’re dealing with, and then a blank person with a word bubble.
 - Decorate the blank person to look like yourself and write a response that shows how you could help others know Jesus in the situation.
 - **Remember:** sharing Jesus doesn’t have to be weird or awkward. You can help others know Jesus simply by how you treat them and respond to what they need.

Ask:

- When someone treats you badly, what does it make you think? How does it make you feel?
- What about when someone is kind without at all expecting anything in return? What does that feel like?
- Why does putting others first stand out so much or seem so different from what’s “normal”?
- How does treating someone well help them know Jesus?
- What’s one way you could SHOW someone Jesus?



What to Do:-----The Jesus Response-----

Print one for each kid.

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Bible Story Extension

What You Need: “Bible Story Mixed-Up Cards” (Next Page), Bibles, red pens

- **The** cards have the verses from today’s Bible story
- **Put** the cards in order correctly WHILE also being on the lookout for the mistakes. (There are five total.)
 - When you spot the mistakes, **correct** them with the red pen and then continue putting the cards in the correct order.
 - Look up Acts 17:16-34 in the Bible if you need help.
- **Discuss:**
- Do you have to have all the answers in order to help someone know Jesus?
 - (No!)
- Who can you ask or talk to if you need help?
 - (Parents, small group leader, pastor, other trusted adults who follow Jesus)
- **The** way Jesus-followers treat people isn’t normal . . . God tells us to put others first (Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Corinthians 10:24, Romans 12:10), and to consider others better than ourselves . . . that’s the opposite of human nature! What kind of attention does this selfless, kind behavior get from others? Why?
- **Ask:**
 - What stood out to you the most about today’s story?
 - Was there anything confusing or something you didn’t understand about the story?
 - How did Paul do more than just tell people about Jesus? How did he help others know Jesus?
 - How can you help others know Jesus?

Paul was waiting for Silas and Timothy in Athens. He was very upset to see that the city was full of statues of gods. So he went to the synagogue. There he talked both with Jews and with Greeks who worshiped God. Each day he spoke with anyone who happened to be in the market place.

A group of Epicurean and Stoic thinkers began to argue with him. Some of them asked, "What is this fellow chattering about?" Others said, "He seems to be telling us about gods we've never heard of." They said this because Paul was telling jokes on stage.

They took him to a meeting of the Areopagus. There they said to him, "What is this new teaching you're giving us? You have some strange ideas we've never heard before. We would like to know what they mean." All the people of Athens spent their time talking about and listening to the latest ideas. People from other lands who lived there did the same.

Then Paul stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus. He said, "People of Athens! I see that you are very religious in every way. As I walked around, I looked carefully at the things you worship. I even found an altar with to a well-known god written on it. So you don't know what you are worshipping. Now I am going to tell you about this 'well-known god.'"

"He is the God who made the world. He also made everything in it. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. He lives in Disney World. He is not served by human hands. He doesn't need anything. Instead, he himself gives life and breath to all people. He also gives them everything else they have. From one man he made all the people of the world. Now they live all over the earth. He decided exactly when they should live. And he decided exactly where they should live."

"God did this so that people would seek him. And perhaps they would reach out for him and find him. They would find him even though he is not far from any of us. "In him we live and move and exist." As some of your own poets have also said, "We are his parents.""

"Yes, we are God's parents. So we shouldn't think that God is made out of gold or silver or stone. He isn't a statue planned and made by clever people. In the past, God didn't judge people for what they didn't know. But now he commands all people everywhere to turn away from their sins. He has set a day when he will judge the world fairly. He has appointed a man to be its judge. God has proved this to everyone by raising that man from the dead."

They heard Paul talk about the dead being raised. Some of them made fun of this idea. But others said, "We want to hear you speak about this again." So Paul left the meeting of the Areopagus. Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed in Jesus. Dionysius was one of them. He was a member of the Areopagus. A woman named Damaris also became a believer. And so did some others. Acts 17:16-34

What to Do:

Print and cut apart. Provide one set of cards for every four kids.

Bible Story Mixed-Up Cards

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3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY –

What You Need: Bible

Look up the following verses to answer the following Trivia Questions:

- 1 John 4:20
- Ephesians 2:8
- John 13:34
- 1 John 3:18
- 1 Corinthians 16:14
- Philippians 2:3-4
- Trivia Questions:
 - Anyone who says I love God but hates his brother is a what?
 - Everything we do should be done in what?
 - How do you show true love?
 - How should we love one another?
 - What's the new commandment God gave us?
 - Our salvation is God's what to us?
- How should we value others?

One of the reasons God sent His son is to show us what He's like—when we know what Jesus is like and we act and love like Jesus, we can help others know Him. You can help others know Jesus by how you live and love.

Answers to questions: liar, love, actions, as Jesus loved us, love one another, gift, better than ourselves

4. PRAY TOGETHER

Ask God to help you know who to pray for with each prayer prompt. It could be a friend, maybe a family member, leader, or teacher...

- Pray for (fill in the blank) and thank God for him/her
- Ask God for courage and wisdom on how to show Jesus to someone
- Pray for your friends by name, and for God to help your friend know Jesus through you
- Pray for genuine love, kindness and joy in (fill in the blank), so the world can see Jesus through him/her

Close with group prayer:

"God thank You for this opportunity to pray with and for each other. We know You always hear us when we pray. We ask that your love shine through us all to the people around us and bring it to mind this week as we go about our days. Thank You for Paul's example in the Bible, and most of all, thank You for Jesus. We need You, God, and we love You! Amen."

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.)

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

~ WORTH 10 POINTS FOR THE "STORE"

DAY 5

If you want to help people find their way to Jesus, you have to take the first step. Here are a few examples of first steps you could take.

Finish out the list with some ideas of your own:

- o Invite a friend to church
- o Tell a friend who is going through a hard time that you're praying for them (then, really pray for them)
- o
- o

It doesn't matter how old you are, how far along you are in your faith, or how much of the Bible you know—all you need to tell others about Jesus is the willingness to take the first step.

Choose one of the options from the list above and make it happen. Take that first step! Remember, not only do you have what it takes to tell others about Jesus, but He will be with you every step of the way.

DAY 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

PRETEEN

DAY 2

READ ACTS 17:16-34

Acts was probably written by one of Jesus' followers named Luke. In the book of Acts, Luke talks a lot about a guy named Saul. After meeting Jesus and becoming a Jesus-follower, Saul's entire life changed. He was even given another name—Paul. After meeting Jesus and realizing that Jesus is God's Son, Paul traveled everywhere he could to share his faith, moving people closer and closer to a faith of their own.

One of the towns Paul visited was named Athens. And something bad was going on there. Here's what the Bible says:

"Paul was waiting for Silas and Timothy in Athens. He was very upset to see that the city was full of statues of gods." Acts 17:16, NIV

The people of Athens were worshipping statues and not the one true God. The people of Athens were very, very far from having faith. So, Paul decided to do something about it. He decided to draw the people closer to a real faith of their own.

What is the hardest part about telling others about Jesus?

DAY 3

Talking to God is one of the best ways to grow your faith. You can talk to God just like you talk to your parents or friends. Fill in the blanks below, then read the prayer to God.

Hey God!

It's so cool that You are always listening when we pray. We can talk to You about anything—about what happened at recess, the last bad grade we got, or the friends we'd like to get to know better. Anything!

This week we're learning that we can tell others about Jesus. I'd like to get better at telling others about Jesus by _____

One person I could tell about Jesus is _____. I pray the next time I see _____, You would give me the courage to tell them about You.

Thank You for being such an amazing God! Amen.

DAY 4

Who told you about Jesus? Was it your mom? Your dad? A friend? Small group leader? Maybe it was more than one person. But try and think of the one who very first told you that Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever.

Take some time to talk to that person. If you can't do it in person, you can text, email, or even video call them. Ask them how they gained the courage to tell people about Jesus. Ask them to give you some tips on learning to share His story with others.

