

JULY WEEK 3 PARENT GUIDE

Hello 2nd and 3rd Grade Parents!

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.

1. Watch YouTube Worship Song and Bible Story Video
 - SEE PAGE 3
 - Scroll down on link box to see suggested YouTube worship song
2. Discuss Bible Story
3. Memory Verse Activity
4. Pray Together
5. "God Time" pages to reinforce the lesson throughout the week
6. FOR PARENTS ONLY: Parent Cue Weekly Blog

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 ~

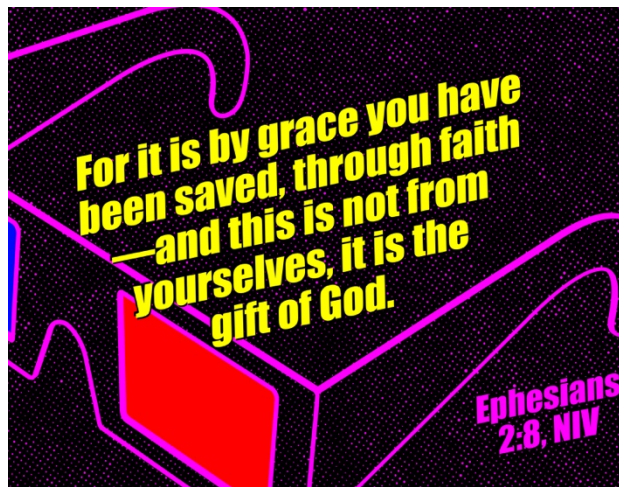
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Also, don't forget to fill out the hckids online connection card to say "hi" or to let us know your prayer requests or questions: <https://hillcrestcov.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/284/responses/new>

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 27-28



BOTTOM LINE



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. **WATCH** YouTube worship song (scroll down on link box to find YouTube link) and Bible VIDEO **HERE**: <https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/4e290d9b-c92d-4e9e-9f34-2c7a8689fd7c>

2. TALK ABOUT

Paul's Crazy Adventure

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: "Dot to Dot Map" , "Paul's Journey Cards" (NEXT 2 PAGES), pencils, and plastic magnifying glasses

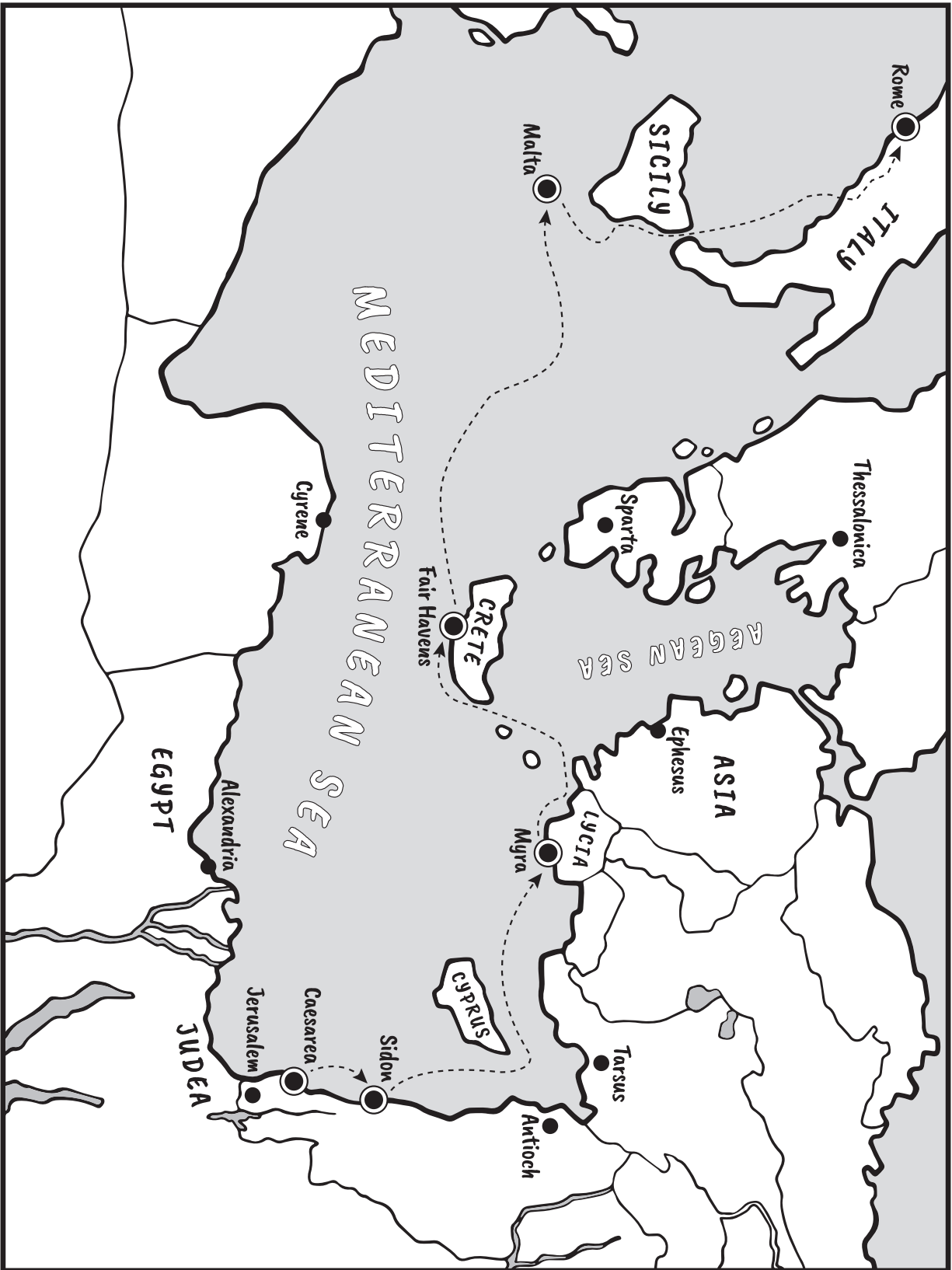
What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Dot to Dot Map," a pencil, and a magnifying glass.
- Encourage the kids to draw a line to connect the dots on the page, following along with all the places Paul traveled on his journey to Rome.
- Pass out the "Paul's Journey Cards" to volunteers to read in order to the group.
- As the cards are read, encourage the kids to look through their magnifying glasses as they trace the places mentioned with their fingers on the "Dot to Dot Map."

What You Say:

"Paul's travels were CRAZY! From Sidon to Cyprus to Crete to fourteen days caught in a storm to a shipwreck and a snake bite, Paul faced SO many problems along his journey. But to Paul it was ALL worth it. He wanted everyone to hear the good news about Jesus and he knew that nothing he faced was too big for God. God was with Paul through all those crazy ups and downs, and that promise is true for you and me. God promises to be with us, always. He might not take our problems away or fix them the way we want them to be fixed, but He CAN help us look at those problems differently. Remember, you can trust God no matter what, through every happy thing and every really hard thing. Because **[Bottom Line]** knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems."

[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids about a problem you faced this week. Select something that was more like a minor annoyance or an everyday problem that would bother most anyone. Remember to keep the example age appropriate. How did knowing that Jesus was with you change the way you faced that problem? Maybe you got stuck in traffic but you used the extra time in the car to listen to a sermon podcast or pray. Maybe you forgot your lunch at home but that allowed you to grab lunch with a coworker.)



What to Do:

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 Print one for each kid.
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Dot to Dot Map

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Card 1

Paul boarded a ship in Caesarea
headed for Rome.

Card 2

The next day, the ship stopped in
Sidon. Paul was allowed to visit friends
there who helped him.

Card 3

Paul switched to a grain ship in
Myra sailing to Italy.

Card 4

They sailed along the island of Crete.
After a difficult trip, the ship stopped
in Fair Havens. Paul warned them about
the dangers ahead but he was ignored.

Card 5

They faced a huge hurricane.
On the fourteenth night of the storm,
they saw land ahead.
It was the island of Malta.

Card 6

As Paul was building a fire, he was
bitten by a snake but survived.

Card 7

Many of the people in Malta heard the
good news about Jesus and were healed.
The people were so grateful, they gave
them all the supplies they needed.

Card 8

Paul finally arrived in Rome where he
was allowed to live under house arrest.
For two years, Paul welcomed anyone
who came to visit, telling them about
Jesus at every opportunity.

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Print and cut apart. Provide one set of cards for each small group.
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Paul's Journey Cards

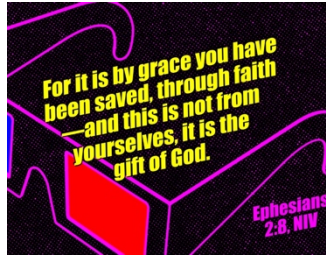
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3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY - Snaps and Claps Verse

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Look up and review Ephesians 2:8 together.
- Repeat the verse in short phrases, snapping or clapping twice after each phrase as written below:
“For it (*snap, snap*)
Is by (*clap, clap*)
Grace you (*snap, snap*)
Have been (*clap, clap*)
Saved through faith (*snap, snap*)
And this (*clap, clap*)
Is not (*snap, snap*)
from yourselves (*clap, clap*)
It is (*snap, snap*)
The gift (*clap, clap*)
Of God.” (*snap, snap*)
Ephesians 2:8 (*clap, clap*)
- If interested - repeat the verse with different motions. (*pat, pat, clap, clap* or *stomp, stomp, pat, pat, etc.*)



What You Say:

“God has made a way for us to be saved through Jesus! It’s not based on anything we do. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can know for sure that He is with us and that His plans are bigger and better than anything we could dream up on our own. That’s faith! No matter what problems we face, no matter what happens this week, we can remember that Jesus is with us! Because **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**”

4. PRAY TOGETHER

What You Do:

- Think about a current problem you are facing.
- Take time to pray for one another regarding your problems.
- Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“Sometimes, we forget that we don’t have to face our problems alone. Jesus is always with us. We can talk to Him about the things we’re worried about and when we do, He can help us look at our problems differently. Because **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**”

“Heavenly Father, we love You. Thank You for Jesus! Help us to follow Him this week and remind us that You are with us, always. When things are great and when things aren’t so great, we know we can put our faith and trust in You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

5. GOD-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO REINFORCE BIBLE STUDY (next 2 PAGES)

~ WORTH 10 POINTS FOR THE “STORE” ~

FAITH

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

READ ROMANS 8:28

DAY 1

Have you ever had a bad day, but when you look back on it, you see that actually something really good came out of it? Maybe your baseball team didn't make the playoffs, but that meant you could do swim team, which you love. Maybe you didn't get the same lunchtime as your friends, but you made a new friend as a result.

What is something that right now seems really hard or bad? Write about it here.

How can you see this in a different light? Ask God to help you find a way to see your problem differently.

Know that seeing things through the lens of faith helps you see your problems differently.

READ JOHN 16:33

Imagine you're in a crowd, and something is happening, but because you're a kid, you can't see what it is. You start to get worried because you can't see what's going on, much less be prepared to face it. But you look up, and you see a parent or other trusted adult, and you see that they're not worried. They can see much more than you can from their vantage point, and if they're not worried, you probably shouldn't be either!

The great news is that we follow a God who made the world and who knows everything that is happening in it, and that ever will happen in it. When we're facing problems and aren't sure what to do, remember that He can see everything, and He has a plan for the world—and YOUR world—that will win out over everything else.

Ask God to help you turn to Him when it's hard to face your fears.

READ PROVERBS 3:5-6

DAY 3

AYBZA PU AOL SVYK DPAO HSS FVBY OLHYA.

When you're facing problems, it's tempting to try to solve them on your own. The bad news is, you don't have all the knowledge and understanding to face your problems. The good news is, you serve a God who does! When you're not sure what to do, ask Him for guidance. He will lead you in the way you should go.

Go back up to the first sentence, and now use this key to decode the message. (Hint: A = T)

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z T U V W X Y Z
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S

It's a lot easier to solve problems when you have access to the knowledge you need, isn't it?

Thank God for giving you what you need to face your problems.

READ 1 PETER 5:7

DAY 4

Get a blank sheet of paper and write down or draw a picture of something that has been worrying you.

Then, turn the sheet of paper over and write out the words found in 1 Peter 5:7. Hang the sheet of paper somewhere with the verse facing out so you can read it.

Knowing Jesus means you can trust Him with your problems. Instead of growing anxious, losing sleep, or getting upset, you can share your problems with Him and rest, knowing that He cares about you. When you're tempted to turn back over to worry, read the words of 1 Peter 5:7 out loud and remember that you can turn your worries over to Him and trust Him with your problems.

Thank God for caring about you and your problems.

**Knowing JESUS
changes the way you
see your problems.**



6. PARENT CUE BLOG FOR REFLECTION

BE OKAY WITH SAYING “I DON’T KNOW”

By Dan Scott

As parents, we all know how much kids love to ask questions, many of which start with the word, “Why.” These questions may start out simple: “Why is the sky blue?” or “Why can’t I have another piece of cake?”

But when it comes to developing a child’s faith, soon enough, these questions will progress to something more challenging. Questions like “Why do bad things happen?” or “Why does it feel like God doesn’t care?”

We can’t avoid questions. They are part of the human experience. Like it or not, that means questions will also be part of a growing personal faith. We can’t ignore them or sweep them under a rug, hoping they’ll disappear. At the same time, we can’t string pithy phrases together and assume we’re helping someone answer their deepest faith questions.

After all, . . .

Not all questions have simple answers. Not all questions HAVE answers.

No single human knows all there is to know about God and how God works.

While there is much we can discover about God, often the best answer for some questions is, “I don’t know.” This can be difficult parents, because we have this idea that leading kids means having all the answers to be able to help them with their questions or doubts.

When a hard question comes up, what if we were honest and said, “I don’t know”? I read recently about the power of that phrase. Throughout history, saying “I don’t know” and admitting ignorance has been the catalyst for discovery. Because people asked questions, humans learned, explored, and made progress that propelled history and faith forward—a process that continues still.

What if we could turn our shared ignorance into shared discovery? What if we said, “I don’t know, but let’s try and find out together.” Or “People have all sorts of opinions about this, let’s see which seem most wise to follow.”

Taking the time to help our kids explore their faith is one of the most important things we can do for them. And while in the process of discovery, we may not find the answers we wanted or we may find that a question can’t be answered yet, but we may also discover bigger ideas about God that help us trust Him even more.

So, when your kids start asking tough questions about faith, be ready with answers, but also be okay with saying, “I don’t know.”

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