

Hello 4th and 5th grade Parents!

Here is everything you need for your family HCKids at home activities. Just follow the directions on the Parent Guide (next page) for any of the things you and your child(ren) are interested in doing. Also included in this document is the link to the Bible Video, this month's theme song: "By My Side" and "God Time" pages to do throughout the week.

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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If you prefer, you are welcome to pick up hard copies of each week's lesson that are similar to here but printed for your convenience. They are recycled each Thursday (late afternoon) and are located outside the front entrance of church.

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

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FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, WE ARE STUDYING:



THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:



TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:



Watch Bible Video Here <https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/8ab40c25-270a-45e3-8ace-8664ec778dc2>

Block Party: Everyone's Invited



First, watch
this week's
video!

Friendship:
using your
words and
actions to
show others
you care.

Memory Verse

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

Bible Story

Elijah and Elisha
(1 Kings 19:14-21;
2 Kings 2:1-15)

Key Question

When has someone encouraged you?

Use this guide with your family to learn how God can help us be better friends.



Activity

Elijah or Elisha?

What You Need

Two sheets of paper and something to write with

What You Do

On one sheet of paper, write *Elijah* in large letters. On the other, write *Elisha*. (If you have more than one child playing the game, make a set of signs for each child. Enlist their help if they have neat enough handwriting!)

Tell your child that you're going to play a game. You'll read a fact from the story today. If it's a fact about Elijah, they hold up the *Elijah* sign. If it's a fact about Elisha, they hold up the *Elisha* sign.

As you read the facts below, let your child(ren) guess before telling them the correct answer.

- He did amazing things through God's power, and God sent him to choose who was sent to anoint the other. (*Elijah*)
- He was plowing a field when the other came to find him. (*Elisha*)
- He kissed his father and mother goodbye and followed the other. (*Elisha*)
- He told the other to "stay here" because God had called him to Bethel. (*Elijah*)
- He said, "I won't leave you." (This happened several times.) (*Elisha*)
- He took his coat, rolled it up, and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. (*Elijah*)
- He said the other was like a father to him. (*Elisha*)
- God took him up to heaven in a chariot of fire. (*Elijah*)
- After his friend had been taken to heaven, he rolled up his friend's coat and struck the water with it again, and the water divided and he walked on dry ground again—but this time he was alone. (*Elisha*)

Talk about the Bible Story

When has someone encouraged you? What did they do?

Tell me about a time when you encouraged someone else. What did you do?

How could you benefit from having friends who are older than you?

What about younger friends? Who's someone younger that you could encourage?

Why does it sometimes feel awkward to use our words to encourage our friends?

What would make it easier to encourage our friends?

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for always being the kind of Friend to us that Elijah was to Elisha. You love us and encourage us through the words in the Bible, and You also encourage us through the people You've placed in our lives. Please help us to be the kind of friends who encourage others. We love You! Amen."

Lyrics for this month's theme song:

By My Side

Verse

Sometimes it's hard to know what the day is gonna to bring
Some days you feel like you can fly some days we have broken
wings

Chorus

But with you by my side I'll always be ok
You always shine color even on a cloudy day

Verse

Sometimes we face trouble, we're scared and insecure
But with a friend like you I'm always reassured
That if I fall down it's you that will help me up
You show me what it's like to be brave even when it's tough

Chorus (2x)

With you by my side I'll always be ok
You always shine color even on a cloudy day
Walking down this road of life I know it's going to be all right
With you by my side I'll always be ok

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHEN HAS SOMEONE ENCOURAGED YOU?



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: _____



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Day 2

Read 2 Kings 2:1-15

In the story of Elijah and Elisha, we see a great example of friends encouraging one another, but it's not just the older prophet encouraging the younger. Elisha encourages Elijah as well with four simple words that he says more than once. Find those words and write them here:

Then Elijah encourages Elisha later, first by asking him a question. Write that question here (Hint: see verse nine).

There are a lot of ways to encourage your friends, but these two men hit on two great ones: remind your friends you will always be there for them, and ask them how you can help them!



Day 3

A great way to encourage your friends is to pray for them! (And then tell them you prayed for them!)

Make a list of a few friends below, along with something you can pray for each of them. Think about areas like: health, school, friendships, family, sports. Even if your friend is healthy and has a pretty great life, everyone can use a friend who is praying for their peace, their strength in facing difficult days, their relationships with friends and family.

After you've prayed for your friends, shoot them an email or text, or simply write, "I prayed for you this morning!" on a sticky note and hand it off to them the next time you see them.

Day 4

Today you're going to put on your encouragement hat and encourage others like it's your job! Before you start, write a smiley face on your hand to remind yourself to make others smile all day.

Offer encouragement to every single person you come into contact today.

Think about:

- ✓ Friends
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Siblings
- ✓ Teachers
- ✓ Bus driver
- ✓ Coaches
- ✓ Community helpers

You can come up with encouragement in real time, or you can take a minute right now to think of something encouraging you can say to each person you know you will see today. You can encourage others in so many ways, like:

- ✓ Giving them a compliment
- ✓ Helping them carry in groceries
- ✓ Writing a short note of encouragement to leave on their desk
- ✓ Anything else that you know will make them smile!



Day 5

When Elijah encouraged Elisha, it was all about how God was going to use him. He told Elisha that he would go on to do great things for God just as Elijah had.

What gifts, talents, and resources do you have that God might want you to use to share His love for others?

Who has encouraged you to use or develop these talents? (Think a parent who pays for lessons or activities, a teacher who teaches and encourages you, etc.)

How has that person's encouragement motivated you to do more, to improve or to keep going in pursuit of doing your best?

Now, go put their encouragement into action. Go to the court and do drills, practice your piano, or write a short story. As you do these things, say a prayer of thankfulness for those who have encouraged you along the way.