

Faith Family Worship Guide – Week 23

MEMORIZE

- For those with 1st-5th graders at Brook Hills, focus on the verses that they are memorizing in Children’s Ministry for this unit.
 - 1st Grade – Matthew 22:37-39
 - 2nd Grade – Matthew 5:14-16
 - 3rd Grade – Proverbs 3:5-7
 - 4th Grade – Proverbs 4:10-15
 - 5th Grade – 1 John 4:9-12

READ

As our church reads through the Bible for the next two years, each day will include a chapter from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. As a family, decide if you want to read one or both of these passages. The Faith Family Worship Guide will look ahead to the readings for the upcoming week.

Read: Psalm 103:1-4, 11-14

Questions:

- Why does God deserve to be praised?
- Since God knows everything, how can He “overlook” the sins of those who ask for His forgiveness (vv. 2-4, 12)?
- How can we know that God forgives those who turn to Him?
- Why does God choose to love and forgive sinners?

Bottom Line: Because of God’s great love and compassion, He forgives sinners who turn from their sin and ask Him for forgiveness.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship him together.

Preschool

- Who knows everything and gives us so many good things?
- Who do we thank for everything? Does He deserve our praise too?
- Who did God send from heaven to earth to save us from our sins?
- For whom are you most thankful? Jesus!
- Who forgives us of our sins (bad choices)?
- How can we show thankfulness to God?

Children

- Name some things you are thankful to God for.
- What is the most important thing we should thank God for?
- When we are thankful it blesses God.
- Read this week’s Psalm together as a family.
- Verse 1 says to “bless the Lord with all that is within me.”
- How can you bless the Lord with your mouth, your hands, your eyes, or your feet?

Students

- Often times we are forgetful. Are there some specific things that seem to slip your mind more than others? (Keys, Remote, Taking out the Garbage, etc.)
- Many of these things seem so trivial, but when it comes to the Creator of the universe you would think we would keep His goodness at the forefront of our minds. Psalm 103:2 tells a different story.
- What are a few of the benefits of being in relationship with the Lord?
- Why might it be important to keep these things in mind?
- What characteristics of Christ do you need to be reminded of today?
- Which do you often forget?
- Which characteristics of Christ could you share with your friends this week?
- When discussing Christ, what parts of your faith are more difficult to talk about? (E.g. repentance, sin, obedience, etc.)

SING

As you read through Psalm 103, it may have reminded you of a song. Indeed, when writing one of our favorite modern songs, “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”, Matt Redman drew much of his inspiration from this very psalm. The similarities between the song and the psalm are seen most evidently in verses two, eight, and nine. It is a miraculous thing when you think about it. To be able to sing parts of a song that was written thousands of years ago in a different language. And the most significant part is that it is still a pleasing song to the Lord.

The narrative of the song is that worship should be never-ending. We serve an infinitely powerful and wonderful God. No one is worthy of more praise than Him. This song is a great choice to remind us of the timelessness of our Father and the privilege we have to serve Him.

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html.