

# GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 10/11/20

Hi Gracelife Family,

No matter the phase of gathering that we are in GraceLife's vision to gather, grow, and go has not and will not change. Therefore we want continue to encourage growth within Gracelife's families. Growth often comes through conversation therefore this "Family Group Chat" will provide weekly conversational helpers and other material related to the sermons as a resource for your family. GraceLife provides this same type of resource for the community group leaders during the fall and spring and to the congregation during community group breaks to be used if so desired to facilitate growth within the community or individually. My goal was to replicate this model to help equip parents as they focus on discipleship and spiritual growth within the home.

Please keep in mind that anytime Gracelife offers a resource, we like to emphasize that it is optional. For this particular resource, if it is used, the conversation should lead so if you don't get to all of this, it's okay. The Holy Spirit is working in your conversations - follow him. Because this is a family discussion this could be used in whatever way works best for your family; once a week, throughout the week, or maybe not at all.

If you decided to use this we would love to see your children doing any of the activities or challenges that are suggested. If you feel comfortable, share pictures of your children completing these on either Facebook or Instagram by tagging Gracelife.

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### Take Heart: John 16:25-33

#### Introduction

Read the verses with your child

The disciples were scared, Jesus was getting ready to leave them (about to die on the cross & and return to His Father). Jesus told them to Take Heart! He has overcome the world. Jesus was telling them that they could be brave & have courage because when Jesus was about to overcome all the bad things (sin & circumstances) that happened in the world.

Ask your children to name some fears they have or things that are scary - after they share them, say "take heart, Jesus overcomes \_\_\_\_\_(the fear they shared).

#### 3 Promises Jesus gives us for when we are scared...

When we get scared, we can remember that Jesus overcame that scary thing for us and we can trust that this is true because...

He loves us!

- Who comforts you when you are scared?  
*When we are scared, knowing that we are with someone that loves us helps us feel safe. God loves you and wants to keep you safe! He tells us in lots of Bible verses about His love - 1 John 4:8, Romans 5:8, 8:37-39, Isaiah 54:10, Zephaniah 3:17, 1 John 3:1, etc. (read these verses with your children)*

He takes care of you!

- Read Matthew 14:22-26 or Mark 6:45-56 (watch video link)  
*When Peter got scared, he called out to Jesus and Jesus answered by pulling him out and calming the storm. Jesus wants to take care of you and help you the same way.*

He is always with you!

- Who helps you when you have a problem?  
*Nothing could ever separate you from God's love (Romans 8:37-19) and he is always with you. (Deut. 31:6). He overcame the world and will help you to overcome whatever problem or fear you have!*

#### 1 John 5: 1-5

This may be a good time to discuss with your child what it means to place their faith and trust in Jesus. Sin is a big problem and Jesus took care of that problem for us because he loves us, cares for us, and wants to be with us.

Once our faith and trust is placed in Jesus we share in his victory and are able to face the world with confidence because He did it for us already!

If you would like your child to talk with an elder - please contact us.

#### Resources

Videos (Peter Walk on Water) - [God's Story, Peter walks on Water](#), Crossroads Kids Club  
[Peter Walks on Water](#), Saddleback Kids

Songs

[John 16:33](#) - Seeds Family Worship  
[God is Bigger Than the Boogie Man](#) - VeggieTales  
[God Makes Me Brave](#) - Mr. Music



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**October Memory Verse: John 14:15-21**

## Verse:

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Elementary (1st -th grade): All Verses

Little Learners (4.5 year old - kindergarten): John 14:15-17

Toddlers (2.5 years old to 4.5 years old): John 14:15

## Tips and Tricks

Study it :Talk with your children about the verses. Consider reading the whole chapter for context or having your children circle "me" or "I" (Jesus is speaking about himself), underline "Father" (Jesus is talking about God the Father), and put a box around "Spirit"/"Helper"

Advanced: put appropriate notations around pronouns for Father and Spirit. Other words to consider noting - "love", "commandment"

Game: Verse Scramble  
Write words and phrases of the verse on note cards. Place the note cards face down in random order. When ready allow the children to flip over the cards and put the verse in order. (Competition style: time each child)

March: have the children say the verse as they march around the house (much like military cadence)

## Memory Verse Resources

Illustrated readings:

[John 14:15-21](#)

Songs:

[John 14:15](#) - Jumpstart 3

[John 14:15-17 \(NLT\)](#) - Sing Through the Bible

[John 15:15-18 \(NKJV\)](#) - Esther Mui

About the Holy Spirit:

[There are 3 persons in 1 God](#)

[The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit](#) -

Moody Bible Institute

Book: [The Ology](#) - Ancient Truths Ever New  
by Marty Machowski

## Challenge

Once your child has memorized their part of the verses you can contact Courtney to schedule a time for your child to recite the verse to her - they will win a prize!!

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