

# GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 10/25/20

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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## DON'T FALL FOR IT

### Ephesians 6:10-20 & 2 Corinthians 11:2-4

#### "Led Astray" - 2 Corinthians 11:2-4

Paul is concerned that Satan, a tempter and deceiver, will succeed in leading us "astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ meaning Satan wants to draw us away from Jesus and following him like he did to Eve in the Garden

Activity: Give your children a piece of candy and tell them not to eat it until you get back (go to the other room and return) - Did your children give into temptation?

Read about Eve's encounter with the serpent (Genesis 3:1-6)  
How did Satan lead Eve astray?

Satan even tried to tempt Jesus but failed.

Read about the Temptation of Jesus (Matt 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13)

What did Jesus show us about what we should do when we are tempted?

#### Battle Training (Ephesians 6:10-20)

*Read the verses together*

There is a battle (Eph 6:11-12)

- Activity: [Play Monkey in the Middle](#)

Satan tries to keep us away from Jesus. He doesn't want us to follow Jesus, and once we decide to follow Jesus, Satan wants to keep us from focusing on Jesus. We have to fight to stay focused.

Be aware of the enemy:

- Activity: Have a child count to 15, while the child is counting try to make them mess up.

Satan uses all kinds of ways to keep us from focusing on Jesus. He knows exactly what will work to throw us off and make it hard to follow him. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

God is with us in the battle:

- Activity: Do one of the activities above again. This time have a partner help the person in the middle or the person counting.  
Wasn't it easier to keep counting or get the ball with someone helping you?

God through Jesus defeated Satan (Jesus's death & resurrection). We are waiting for God to return so that he can beat Satan once and for all. Until then we have the Holy Spirit that helps us! God also gave us special armor to wear, read Ephesians 6:14-18)

#### Bible Story Connection

*Armor of God* - Ephesians 6:14-18

On Sunday we shared the Armor of God with the younger children.

Tommy mentioned that this the armor was given to us but we have to put it on to ensure our protection during the battle.

Discuss the different pieces of the Armor with your child - use the resources below (if needed) to assist your child in understanding the purpose for each piece of armor.

#### Resources

Armor of God:

Video: [God's Story: Armor of God](#) - Crossroads Kids' Club

Songs:

[Armor of God 4 GLK](#) Youtube playlist

Blog Posts/Articles

[What to Teach About Satan](#) by

Christian Parenting

[Teaching Kids about](#)

[Spiritual Warfare](#) by

Focus on the Family



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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 : Ask your children to draw or write about what they heard about Jesus and/or God in the verse.

Activity: Write or print out the verse with very large print. Cover up some of the words with strips of post-it notes. Have your child read the verse and fill in the blanks from memory.

Game: Pass the ball  
The first person with the ball says the first word of the verse, then passes the ball. The next person says the next word then passes and so on until the verse is complete. Repeat and see how fast they can go.  
Anytime the ball is dropped or the someone can't remember you must start over but before you start say the entire verse together.

## 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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