

GLKIDS

FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 11/15/20

Hi Gracelife Families,

The GraceLife Kids Ambassador team loves gathering with your children on Sunday and watching them GROW in Christ weekly as they are disciplined within GraceLife Church's children's ministry. However, we know that their parents are a much greater influence on their spiritual growth. We have made this part of the vision of GraceLife Kids as we strive to partner with families to encourage discipleship and spiritual growth within the home by providing resources to aid in this endeavor.

We recognize that the "family group" has rhythms similar to GraceLife Church's community groups - GATHER (fellowship, GO (serve) and GROW (discipleship). Therefore we developed the "Family Group Chat". It is a resource designed to aid in the spiritual growth of your family by providing conversation starting questions, activities, and specific resources for parents and children related to each week's sermon topic and scripture. The lessons presented to the children on Sundays are also related to these so that when you talk with your children at home after church and throughout the week everyone will be on the same page and able to grow together.

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 decide to use this resource 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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A BETTER SONG: Psalm 11; Psalm 46:1

What is a Refuge?

Define the word "refuge" for your children. A refuge is a safe place where you feel safe and comfortable without worry of anything bad getting you.

Game: Play "tag" but use a base (where children are safe from being tagged).

When we believe in God, we can feel safe and protected even when bad things happen because no one can take us away from him.

A song of Hope

Ask: What is your favorite song? Why? How does it make you feel?

The Psalms are songs! They tell give us important reminders about God and a lot of the writers were going through some really hard stuff when they wrote their songs but they had faith and hope.

Psalm 11 is an example... This song reminds us that

1. God is our refuge - our safe place
2. God is in charge
3. God wins in the end

Use these questions to discuss:
Do you remember a really bad day that you have had? What happened?

How can singing praise songs to God help you when you are having a bad day?

Have you ever had to do something that was really scary, like get a shot at the doctor's office, move to a new school, or try something new that you have never done before? What was it?

How can the song of Psalm 11 help you when you are feeling scared?

How does God win? How can God winning help us to not be scared or worried?

Bible Story Connection

*Moses and Miriam's song :
Exodus 15:1-21*

The people of Israel were scared before crossing the Red Sea - God told them to be still and he would fight for them. God was their refuge and he protected them from the Egyptians - Moses and Miriam sang a song of praise for this.

God reminds us to trust him so we aren't scared - when we sing songs of praise it helps us not to be scared.

Resources

Songs:
[God is my Refuge](#) - Jeff Hamlin (Ps 46)
[Refuge & Strength](#) - Seeds Family Worship

Activities:

- Build a fort using blankets, pillows, or whatever you have around your home.
- Sprinkler Play: give the children an umbrella to play with to keep from getting wet (a refuge from the water)



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November Memory Verse: Psalm 100

Verse:

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! 3 Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Elementary (1st - 5th grade): All Verses
Little Learners (3-5 years old): Psalm 100:3

Tips and Tricks

Craft: Have your children make thanksgiving cards and include this verse.

Study it: What is this passage telling us to do? Underline all the "to do" statements. How does he want us to do these? Circle the how statements.

Example : vs 2 - Underline "serve the Lord" and circle "with gladness".

Movement Game:

Come up with an action for some of the repeated words; for example clap for "Lord" or stomp for "with". Add one of the actions each time you read the verses until you read through will all actions included.

Relay:

Write words or phrases of the verses on notecards and pile them up. Have children line up 5 ft away from the pile. The 1st child gets the first notecard then returns to line for the next child to go. When all notecards are collected, the children work together to put the notecards in order. (you can do this with teams if you make multiples of the notecards)

Memory Verse Resources

Understanding the Book of Psalms
[Psalms: Part 1 - Overview](#): TMC youth

Songs:

[Shout](#) - Seeds Family Worship

[Psalm 100](#) - Corner Room

[Psalm 100](#)

Psalm 100 [Coloring Pages](#)

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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