

# GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 7/12/20

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 I will be providing weekly conversational helpers related to the sermons as a resource for your family. GraceLife provides this same type of resource for 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. My goal was to replicate this model as we spend the majority of our time within our "family groups".

Hopefully, this will be another resource you can use to help your family refocus on Christ during this continued season of "divine disruption".

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 throughout the week or not at all.

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.

Diane and I are praying for you always and we are excited to see how God is going to use this time within your family.

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## UNDER THE INFLUENCE : Revelation 18

### Note to Parents

The scripture of Tommy's sermon (Revelation 18) is complex to understand even for some adults therefore we decided to find a story to present to the children that mirrored some of the themes found in Tommy's sermon. We chose Daniel 3, the story of the fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were faced with conforming to the culture of Babylon or coming out by demonstrating faithful living.

[Click here](#) to see the lesson we presented to the children on Sunday.

This weeks Family Group Chat will include activities more related to Revelation 18 itself - we pray that this supports you as you discuss the sermon with your entire family and help to make connection to the scripture for the younger children that learned about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

### Reflect on Scripture

Read Revelation 18  
(Refer to the helpful guides under "Resoures")

Discuss Babylon and the "spirit of Babylon": Being of the world or of God. Ask children how they know if someone is seeking worldly fame or holiness (fame in God's eyes)

What happens to Babylon (the city of the world)? Have your children identify examples from the passage.

Bad News: the world causes

- Confusion: mixing truth with lies of the world (1 Corinthians 14:33)
- Pride: my way is better than God's (Proverbs 29:23)
- Unfaithful: forcing people to listen to you and do what you think they should do instead of helping them learn what God wants for them (Nehemiah 1:8-9)
- Good News: We can come out (Rev 18:4)
- Bible Reading - no longer confused so we know God's way
- Gospel - Reminds us of who we in Jesus; no need for the things of this world - we have all we need in Him

God's City (New Jerusalem) will never fall!  
Read Revelation 21

### Object Lesson

Supplies:  
Blocks (interlocking and ones that don't)

Have children Build one tower or city, build it out of blocks that don't interlock (wooden blocks); build a second tower or city out of interlocking blocks. Ask the kids which would be more likely to fall, why is it like Babylon? Knock it down. What makes the other city stronger and eternal? Refer back to Rev 21.



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### July Memory Verse: Matthew 6:19-24

#### Verse:

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Elementary (1st - 5th grade): All verses

Little Learners (Preschool - Kindergarten): Matthew 6:19-21

Toddlers (2.5 years to 4 years): Matthew 6:21

#### Activity

Older Children:

Scripture Code - create a code (symbols, numbers, etc) for each letter of the alphabet. Write the code out for either all the words in the verse or select words or phrases. Give to the children to de-code.

Younger Children:

Create a rhythm: As the children say their verses clap, slap your knees, or stomp your foot to each word creating your own rhythm.

All Together:

Word Scramble: write the one word or phrase on note cards. Put them all on the table and mix them up. Have the children put the verse in order.

Extra challenge: Time them or make it a game to see who can unscramble it the fastest.

#### Resources

For Revelation 18 -

[Digging Deeper](#), Engaging with the Sermon  
Revelationforkids.com - [Babylon](#)

For Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego  
Songs -

[Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego - Louis Armstrong](#)

[Fourth Man in the Fire - Johnny Cash](#)

[Kid's Club Raps: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego](#)

Video -

Veggietales - Rack, Shack, & Benny [clip](#) or [full episode](#)

[Superbook - The Fiery Furnace \(Full Episode\)](#)

For Memory Verse -

Songs:

[Treasure by Seed Family Worship](#) (with hand motions)

[Where your Treasure Is by Steve Green](#)

[Piano Hands, Matthew 6:19-24 by Jason Silver](#)

