

GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 7/5/20

Hi Gracelife Family,

Although we are apart GraceLife's vision to gather, grow, and go has not changed. Therefore we continue to hope to encourage growth within Gracelife's families so I wanted to provide some conversational helpers related to the sermons while we are away. Tommy does this for community group leaders as a resource they can choose to use if so desired. I thought this model could be replicated as we are continuously within our "family groups".

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

Please keep in mind that when Tommy gives this to the leaders he emphasizes that this is optional. 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 conversation - 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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GREAT THINGS Mark 5:1-20
Guest Speaker Cliff Patterson

Reflect on Cliff's Testimony

Consider sharing your own testimony with your children with an emphasis on the great things God has done in your life.

Ask your children about who has played an important role in their lives when it comes to teaching them about Jesus and the bible

Define the word compromise, talk about what it means to compromise your beliefs - fence sitting (playing both sides) verses taking a stand - If it is appropriate ask your children about what they believe.

What is the greatest thing that God has done for you?

What changes about us once we state that we believe Jesus is who he says he is? Talk about your new identity (Cliff shared several examples toward the end of his message)

Is it bad to have questions about our faith? If we do, where should we go?

Can you name some miracles from the Bible? Do you think God still does miracles? Share a miracle you have witnessed with your children; discuss the Holy Spirit's part in miracles.

Resources

Video:
[Bible App for Kids, Demons Destroyed](#)

Coloring Page:
["Go home to your friends"](#)

Reflect on Scripture

Read Mark 5:1-20 or watch the video in "resources"

The man lived among the dead; he was an unbeliever so he was spiritually dead. The man identified himself by his lifestyle (dead living)

Jesus healed him; he became new! He was so happy he wanted stay with Jesus but Jesus told him "no". The man was probably disappointed but Jesus had another plan for him. The man obeyed and told everyone in a way that they marveled.

How do you feel when you are told no? Did you know you can tell God your true feelings about being told no or anything?

When we don't get what we want it helps us to remember what God has done for us because it is so much greater than what we want anyway!

Object Lesson

Supplies:
sin note cards, tape, and trash can

Choose someone to help you

Tape the provided sin note cards to your helper. Tell them that God sees you under all the sin and loves you so much that he wants to remove it, so he sent Jesus. No matter what the sin is Jesus will take it away. As you read (or have the children read) the sins take them off and throw them in the trash can. Once all the sin is gone tell your helper to start praising God and telling all the children about what Jesus did for them.



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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

Make a Poster:

Have your children write the verses (or write the verses) on a piece of paper or poster board. Allow them to decorate it. Help them find a place to put it so that they can see it often. The more they read it the more they will remember it.

Treasure Hunt:

Write words or phrases on note cards. Hide the note cards around the room. Tell the children to find the cards and put the verses in order. Find a box or envelope for them to keep their "treasure".

For added excitement you can make this a relay race: children find the note cards one at a time, the next child cannot go find the next card until the child before them retrieved a card and put it in the correct order. They may work together to help the child place the card.

Resources

Songs:

[Treasure by Seed Family Worship](#)
[Where your Treasure Is by Steve Green](#)
[Piano Hands, Matthew 6:19-24 by Jason Silver](#)



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