

GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 8/30/20

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".

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.

A Note about the Culture Check Series...

During this sermon series GraceLife Church is thinking about our culture, we would invite you to do the same with the culture within your home. As Tommy said every place in our lives has a culture - our homes, work places, towns, etc -and often we never question it. Neither the culture of your church or the culture of your home will save your children. But if we claim to follow Jesus, those cultures will make a powerful impression on our children that helps them see what Jesus is like and how He changes us. Therefore, as you teach your children about the gospel you also should be demonstrating the gospel through your relationships with them. I was challenged by two of Tommy's questions and their application within my home; until our children are saved they are the outsiders looking in curiously at what we (their parents/guardians) believe and how we live to determine if they want in on it - what are they seeing, "smelling"; are they in awe of God? AND "what kind of disciples are we making?"

As I said above, part of the vision of Gracelife Kids is to partner with you to encourage spiritual growth in your homes therefore as we work through this sermon series we want to help you set up spiritual disciplines that aid in developing a Gospel Culture in your home. The Family Group Chat will include resources, questions, and conversation starters related to Gospel Culture in the home as well as continuing to provide ways to discuss and learn about scripture shared on Sunday morning. This week, consider taking time to talk to your children about the culture of your home and really listen to them as they respond honestly about your home culture (as leaders of the home we will be the last to recognize our smell).

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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Where are You? Exodus 16:1-12

Introduction

Read Scripture Passage - Even though the Israelites had just seen God they had forgotten how he provided them freedom with great miracles. They started asking God "Where are you?" because the journey was hard and uncomfortable.

Has something ever been really difficult for you? Did you wonder if God saw your struggle? Did you think he had forgotten you? What did he do to show that He hadn't and that he would still take care of you?

He is Gracious

God is a gracious provider and he is merciful when we grumble.

What does it mean to complain? When do you complain the most?

Is complaining the best way to get what you want? How do your parents react to your complaining? Do they give you what you want?

Because of God's love he is gracious and merciful toward us just like our parents - he still provides even when we haven't been grateful.

He is Our Source

God is the only one that can meet our every need by providing for us. He sometimes does miracles so that we don't question who can meet our needs best.

Share with your children a time that God has miraculously provided for you or the family.

It is important to remember these times so that when we are in need we can trust God will take care of it.

He Provides Exactly What We Need

When the Israelites went into the wilderness they didn't know how to survive but God provided exactly what they needed to do so.

Did you know that what we want may not be what we need? When you get hungry, what do you want most often? Do your parents always let you have it? Why not?

God knows what is better for us and that's what he gives us even if it isn't what we want.

He Provided Salvation

This story reminds us that we are like the Israelites - we are freed. Our spiritual hunger is met by Jesus - the bread of life from heaven and only God is powerful enough to provide for us in this way.

What have we been freed from? How did God provide this freedom through Jesus? Can we do this for ourselves? When does God provide us our freedom?

Resources

Bible Story Video:
[God's Story: Wilderness](#)



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September Memory Verse: John 14:1-6

Verse:

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Elementary (1st - 5th grade): All Verses
Little Learners (4.5 year old - kindergarten): John 14:1-3
Toddlers (2.5 years old to 4.5 years old): John 14:1

Tips and Tricks

When introducing a new verse, start with repetition

Find the Verse:
Each night this week help your child find the verse in their bible and read the verse 5 times. You can have your child repeat after you, read with you, or take turns (multiple verses).

Make it fun by each child taking reading one word at a time in a circle or going back and forth between you and your child.

Listen:
Use your Bible App to read the verses and listen repeatedly for 3-5 minutes

Activity: write the verse on the mirror so that they can read it while getting ready for school (have them read it aloud at least once a day)

Memory Verse Resources

Illustrated readings:
[John 14:1-12](#) (stop at 1 min 18 seconds)

Songs:
[John 14:1-4](#) - Colin Buchanan
[John 14:5-6](#) JumpStart3

[Big House](#) - AudioAdrenaline; just for fun :)

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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