LIFE Lessons

Weekly Devotions/Bible Study for Families of All Ages

*Week of October 4th, 2020*

\*Here is our weekly faith formation practice for everyone to use in their own homes. We will use the **Faith 5** as our foundational faith model. These are 5 easy faith steps to practice each day within your household and will include a scripture reading from our weekly lectionary.

 -Each week will have focus questions and discussions for families with younger children AND a separate set of discussions for families of all ages, with or without children. Please use whichever best fits your family.

*Now, on to this week’s Faith at Home!*

1. **Share**: Your Highs and Lows from the day (or week) with one another
2. **Read:** Matthew 21:33-46
3. **Talk:** About the Scripture-This will be our lesson/devotion

**\*For families with younger children…**

Have every child find 3 things in the house

 1. Their favorite toy that came from Mom and/or Dad

 2. Their favorite article of clothing that came from Mom and/or Dad

 3. Something that reminds them of their favorite meal that Mom or Dad cooks for them.

Q: Why are these things special to them? What do they love about each of them?

Q: For Children: Why do you think your parents gave you these items and cook you these meals?

Q: For Parents: Why do you give your children these items and cook them their favorite meal? Would you do it again? Why?

Q: For Children: What are other ways your parents show you they love you?

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Q: What are the ways that God has shown us love? Get paper and markers/crayons and make a list of all the ways God loves us. When you are done, hang the list somewhere you can all see it and make sure you give thanks every day for all the ways listed.

**\*For families of all ages…**

Grab a piece of paper and pen or pencil. Now write down everyone’s name in your immediate family/household. Next to their name write down one thing that they bought or made for you that was really special. Then write down one thing that they did for you that was really special. When everyone is done, share your list with one another.

Q: What makes those things special to you?

Q: Why do you think they did those things for you?

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Q: What are the ways that God has shown us love? You can list them on your paper if you wish. When you are done, keep this paper and list where you can see it and be reminded of the love you have received from your family and from God.

***The Big Idea!...***God keeps sending messengers to the people to share the message of love. The people often reject the messengers, so God sends Jesus to show the most amazing act of love. Through Jesus we know that God will never give up on us and never stop loving us. He is the foundation of love that God wants us to follow. God wants us to receive the love of Jesus every day and to share that love with others.

1. **Pray:** For one another-You can pray for one another’s lows, share prayer requests, or say the Lord’s Prayer Together. Or you can pray this…

“Lord Jesus, thank you for never giving up on us and for always loving us. Help us to receive your love every day, and to share that love with all of your people. Amen.”

1. **Bless:** One another-Make the sign of the cross on each other’s foreheads and say, “Child of God, may you always know Jesus loves you and will never give up on you.”

\*Use the **Faith 5** daily to grow faith in your family and to stay closely connected. Here are verses for every day this week…

Monday 10/5: Psalm 19:1-7

Tuesday 10/6: Exodus 20:1-4

Wednesday 10/7: Exodus 20:7-9

Thursday 10/8: Exodus 20:12-20

Friday 10/9: Philippians 3:4-9

Saturday 10/10: Psalm 80:7-11