LIFE Lessons

Weekly Devotions/Bible Study for Families of All Ages

*Week of October 25th, 2020*

\*LIFE stand for **L**iving **I**n **F**aith **E**veryday. These lessons are our weekly faith formation practices for everyone to use in their own homes. We will use the **Faith 5** as our foundational 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 LIFE lesson!*

**WATCH VIDEO ON THE WEBSITE…**

1. **Share**: Your Highs and Lows from the day (or week) with one another
2. **Read:** John 8:31-36
3. **Talk:** About the Scripture-This will be our lesson/devotion

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

Q: Have you ever done something that got you in trouble? How did you feel?

Q: Have you ever been in trouble with your parents? How did it feel knowing your parents were upset with you?

Q: How do you think your parents feel about you?

Q: Do you think God gets upset at us? Why or why not?

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Q: Were you surprised that Bob got a new bike for Christmas? Why or Why Not?

Q: How is Bob’s dad a little like Jesus?

Q: When you think of Jesus always loving you and forgiving you, no matter what, how does that make you feel about Jesus? How does that make you want to live your life?

**\*For families of all ages…**

 Q: What do you think of when you hear word “SLAVE?”

Q: What do you think of when you hear the word “SIN?”

Q: What do you think of when you hear the word “FREE?”

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Q: Bob received an undeserved gift of grace from his parents in the form of that bike. How did you feel when you heard Bob got a new bike even though he had been in trouble and told he wouldn’t get any presents? How did you feel about Bob’s dad?

Q: What does the word “GRACE” mean to you?

Q: How is Bob’s dad a little like Jesus? How do you feel about Jesus when you think about His love for us?

***The Big Idea!...*** “Radical Grace” is a difficult concept. We usually want to keep score and hope that our good outweighs our bad. Or we want to point out how bad other people are and compare ourselves. The truth is we all struggle with sin and deserve to be punished. The good news, however, is that Jesus took care of our sin and our punishment! By dying on the cross and rising from the grave, Jesus washed us clean and made us holy. We still make mistakes, but we must remember that, through Jesus we are not what our mistakes say we are, but we are who Jesus says we are-forgiven, beloved, righteous children of God. If this makes you think, “I can get away with whatever I want,” then you don’t understand grace. It this truth makes you want to sing for joy, tell others of the greatness of Jesus, and live a life of loving him and others, then radical grace is working on you!

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, change me by your radical grace every day. Help me receive your grace and to share it with others. Amen.”

1. **Bless:** One another-Make the sign of the cross on each other’s foreheads and say, “Child of God, know you are loved and forgiven always.”

*\*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 10/26: Romans 8:38-39

Tuesday 10/27: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Wednesday 10/28: Psalm 46:1-7

Thursday 10/29: Matthew 22:34-40

Friday 10/30: Psalm 1:1-3

Saturday 10/31: Romans 8:1-2