LIFE Lessons

Weekly Devotions/Bible Study for Families of All Ages

*Week of October 18th, 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:** Matthew 22:15-22
3. **Talk:** About the Scripture-This will be our lesson/devotion

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

Have each kid bring their piggy bank out and count their money. If it is taking too long just estimate the amount, and then ask these questions…

Q: What would you like to do with your money?

Q: How did you get this money?

Q: Have you ever thought about giving some of your money away? To whom would you give it?

**WATCH THE “Donut Tithe” Video Clip**

Q: How is God like the donut giver in the video?

Q: Everything we have is a gift from God. Is it difficult to believe that God gives us everything? Why? How does the man react to getting the donuts? How does he respond when God asks for a donut back?

Q: What are ways that we can give back to God? Make a list that includes your time, your talents, and your money.

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Q: What are some other reasons people don’t give back to God?

Q: A tithe is considered a 10% offering back to God. Most Christian households only give about 1-2% of their income. What would be the positive outcomes if every family gave 10% of their income?

***The Big Idea!...***In the scripture today the religious leaders want to get out of paying taxes and want to trap Jesus. When they ask him if they should pay taxes or not, Jesus says “give to the emperor what belongs to the emperor and give to God what belongs to God.” Jesus is telling us that we live in this world and in the Kingdom of God. We pay taxes because it’s the law. We give to God because of what God has first given us. We give because of the grace God has shown us. In the end, God is in control of everything-our government and all our lives. May we give generously because we trust God in all things!

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, may we trust that you are in control of everything. And may we give back to you out gratitude for what you have done for us. Show us how to give our lives back to you, for the sake of your Kingdom on earth. Amen.”

1. **Bless:** One another-Make the sign of the cross on each other’s foreheads and say, “Child of God, may you remember always that God is in control.”

*\*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 96:1-6

Tuesday 10/6: Isaiah 45:4-7

Wednesday 10/7: Psalm 96:7-13

Thursday 10/8: Exodus 33:12-16

Friday 10/9: Psalm 99:1-5

Saturday 10/10: Psalm 99:6-9