

Hi! Thank you for picking up a copy of our year long Bible devotion calendar! If you're reading this then that means you're desiring to make God the center of your family and for that I'm truly excited! You'll find no greater fulfillment in this life or the next than walking with God daily and obeying and serving him with your whole heart. My hope is that this tool will in some way bring your family closer to God and Jesus every day. And remember, this is to help you get started. Once you get some good momentum going, keep leading your family spiritually above and beyond these pages. There's tons of resources available that I can hook you up with as you continue to grow - just let me know! -Dan Cain

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Because, parents - YOU! - are a crucial part of God's plan! In fact, the biggest spiritual influence in a child's life is their parents. Moses knew this when he challenged the nation of Israel in Deuteronomy 6 to lead their own children in the ways of God. We as a church aim to do many great things in people's lives for God, but I believe one of the greatest things we can do is to support parents as they take on the primary responsibility to help their kids advance in their spiritual growth.

#### HOW DO I USE THIS CALENDAR?

It's simple! Read through the Bible passage listed then move on to "Q" which stands for questions you can discuss as a family and "P" which stands for suggestions of things to pray about together. This same calendar is also available on Google and can be uploaded to your mobile device.

#### HOW DO I BEGIN & FAMILY BIBLE TIME?

With commitment and persistence. We make time for the things that are important to us and this is one of <u>the</u> most important things you could do as a family. Some key ingredients are: making uninterrupted time without distractions, in a comfortable and safe place, with all electronics turned off, and perhaps after supper since you're already together and focusing on one another.

#### WHAT DO I DO DURING THIS TIME?

Whatever works well for your family! Some typical elements are: reading the Bible, praying together, having a discussion, and helping apply it to daily life. You may feel overwhelmed at times but remember - like all things it gets easier with practice! The main thing is to make it much more than just a few "holy" minutes a day - it's meant to be one part of your whole lifestyle as you are becoming a fully devoted follower of God and Jesus and encouraging your children to do the same. For some more in depth explanations and super methods, visit www.wholesomewords.org/family/famaltar.html

#### WHY PRAY?

Praying is the main way we're able to talk with God! We pray out of obedience, to seek his direction in our life, to meet other's needs, to grow spiritually, to overcome temptation, to strengthen our marriage and family, to confess our sins, and just to praise him and thank him for all he does in our lives. God really does hear our prayers and answers them - we must never forget that.

For some sample prayers and more quality guidelines to help you teach your children to pray, check out www.prayerguide.org.uk/family.htm

### HOW DOIPRAY?

There are so many different ways you can pray, and such a variety of things you can pray for that I couldn't even begin to list them all here! So what I did for the first 35 days of the calendar was list one thing each day that the early church prayed for. I thought that would develop some great roots and then after that I'm challenging you to seek out your own way to have a passionate prayer life with your family, whatever that looks like for you. Lastly, below is just one sample prayer guide out of many you could try with your family. I'm including it because it's been very helpful to me.

# Prayer in ACTION!

This is a good way to give some structure to a prayer if you feel intimidated or unsure of what to say to God.

A stands for adoration. God is first and great and mighty, so spend the first few moments lifting him up for who he is and what he's done. It really is astounding to think of all God has created and of how massive his love for us is!

is for confession. God already knows what we've done wrong but the recognition and repentance of our sins brings healing and life change in the way we think and act.

L stands for thanksgiving. Offer some thanks for your health, friends, family, freedoms, mentors, luxuries, etc.

is for invitation. Invite God into your life. This is the time to ask God to help you with that "big thing" that might have been a main reason why you're wanting to talk with him in the first place. But take it one step further - invite him to not only help you with whatever you are praying about, but to be your friend, guide, and savior.

O represents others' needs. Now it's time to think of all those special people in your life and ask God to step in and send his power on what it is they're going through. "Others" could also mean places, events, etc.

is for next step. This is the most forgotten part of most prayers. We ask God to do this and that, but we often forget to just listen for a response. We need to give God a chance to respond back, and it may not happen immediately. However, finishing a prayer with some quiet meditation gives God the chance to move in your heart and direct you on what to do next in your life.



- 1 Why read the Bible? 2 Timothy 3:16 Q: Where does the Bible come from? What is it useful for? P: That Christians would life up the name of God in the world - Matthew 6:9
- 2 Why read the Bible? John 20:31 Q: Why was the Bible written for us? What happens when we believe and follow? P: that God would bring his Kingdom down to earth Matthew 6:10
- 3 Why read the Bible? Hebrews 4:12 Q: How is the Bible alive and active? How does it get into your heart and your life? P: That the gospel would go forth and be honored - 2 Thessalonians 3:1
- 4 Why read the Bible? Psalm 119:105 Q: How does the Bible give us direction in life? P: For the fullness of God's Holy Spirit - Luke 1 1:13
- 5 Why read the Bible? John 17:17, Acts 17:11 Q: How do we know the Bible is true and accurate? How can we find out if what others say about God is true? P: That God would give justice to his people - Luke 18:7
- 6 Why read the Bible? Revelation 1:3 Q: How can we 'take heart' and apply to life what's written in the Bible? P: That unbelievers would know God and be saved - Romans 10:1
- 7 Why read the Bible? Joshua 1:8 Q: How can you constantly be thinking about the Bible and the things of God? Why should we do this? P: That God would direct the use of his Bible - Ephesians 6:17-18
- 8 Why read the Bible? Ezra 7:10 Q: How can we devote ourselves to the study of knowing God's Bible? How could we teach it and tell it to others? P: For boldness in proclaiming the Gospel message Ephesians 6:18-19
- 9 What is love? 1 John 4:16 Q: How is God love? How does he show that love for us? P: For the healing of unbelievers Acts 28:8
- 10 What is love? John 3:16 Q: What does it mean that Jesus is God's only begotten son? What happens when we believe and follow him? P: For signs and wonders - Acts 4:29-30, James 5:17-18
- 11 What is love? Deuteronomy 6:5 Q: How to we love God with all of these things? What ways could we show that? P: For the healing of wounded comrades James 5:14-15
- 12 What is love? Leviticus 19:8 Q: What things could we do to show that we love our neighbor as ourselves? P: For the casting out of demons - Mark 9:29
- 13 What is love? Matthew 25:35-40 Q: What are some real ways you could show love to others this week? P: For miraculous deliverance - Acts 12:5, 12 and Acts 16:25-26
- 14 What is love? Luke 6:35 Q: Who are your enemies or people who are against you? How could you love them and do good to them? P: For the raising of the dead (resurrection) Acts 9:40
- 15 What is love? Proverbs 17:9 Q: How could you keep loving someone even when they do wrong to you? P: That God would supply his people with necessities - Matthew 6:11
- 16 What is love? Luke 6:31 Q: How could you really live this out this week? How about with your family and brothers and sisters too? P: For wisdom James 1:5
- 17 What is love? John 15:13 Q: In what ways could you give of yourself to those around you? P: Would raise up leadership in churches everywhere Acts 14:23
- 18 What is love? Romans 12:9 Q: How do we show that we hate evil? How do we live out loving good? P: That God would help people be equipped for his work - Matthew 9:38
- 19 What is love? Romans 13:10 Q: Who is a 'neighbor'? is it more than just the person next door? P: For the success of missionaries Romans 15:30-31
- 20 What is love? Galatians 5:13 Q: What ways this week could you serve other people humbly in love? P: For unity and harmony among believers - John 17:20-21
- 21 What is love? Romans 15:1 Q: How can you help those who are not as strong as you, physically as well as spiritually? P: For the encouragement of togetherness 1 Thessalonians 3:10
- 22 What is love? 1 John 3:17-18 Q: what could you give to those in need? P: For a mind of discernment -Philippians 1:9-10
- 23 What is love? 1 Corinthians 13:1-2 Q: What happens when we don't have love or have love but don't show it? P: For a knowledge of God's will Colossians 1:9
- 24 What is love? 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 Q: What is love? What things can we do to live out a life of love? P: To know God better - Ephesians 1:17
- 25 Marriage Genesis 2:18-25 Q: Why do you think God created marriage? In what ways do two people become 'one' when they get married? (there are many!) P: For the power to know the love of Jesus -Ephesians 3:14-19

- 26 Marriage Hebrews 13:4 Q: Why should marriage be honored by all? How can we honor it? P: For a deeper sense of assured hope Ephesians 1:16-18
- 27 Marriage Proverbs 5:18, 18:22 Q: Why is a godly spouse such a blessing? P: For strength and endurance - Colossians 1:11, Ephesians 3:16
- 28 Marriage Proverbs 31:10-31 Q: What can children be doing now to build great godly character for their future spouse? How can parents do the same for their marriage now? P: For a deeper sense of God's power Ephesians 1:16-19
- 29 Marriage Ecclesiastes 9:9 Q: Though Solomon seems a bit bleak, what things can we do to enjoy life with our spouse? P: That our faith may not be destroyed - Luke 22:32
- 30 Marriage Ephesians 5:22-33 Colossians 3:18-21 Q: What different but equally important roles has God given to husbands, wives, and children? P: For greater faith Mark 9:24
- 31 Divorce Mark 10:1-12, Malachi 2:16 Q: Divorce is a hard topic in our culture, but what does God say on the subject? What can we do to keep a marriage strong and focused on God? P: That you might not fall into temptation - Matthew 26:41



- 1 Who is GOD? Deuteronomy 6:4 Q: Why is it important to know that GOD (Yahweh) is one and only one? Are there religions who worship more than one god? Do most Christians believe in one god or 3? P: That you would do good works - Colossians 1:10
- 2 Who is GOD? Isaiah 44:24 Only Yahweh made everything that exists. Q: If He can do everything Himself, why do you think He chooses to use us to do His work on Earth? P: For the forgiveness of your sins -Matthew 6:1 2
- 3 Who is GOP? 1 Corinthians 8:4 Q: What things in your life are idols besides GOP? What do you prioritize above Him? P: That God would do good work through you - 2 Thessalonians 1:1 1
- 4 Who is GOD? Hebrews 3:4 Q: God alone made everything, but what's one of YOUR favorite things He has made? P: For protection from the evil Matthew 6:13
- 5 Who is GOD? Ephesians 4:5-6 Q: What would you say are GOD's father-like qualities? P: from now on, pray the Prayer in ACTION on page 2 with your family.
- 6 Who is GOD? Psalm 19:1 Q: How do you see GOD's glory showing in the nature around you? Today make a special effort to see GOD everywhere you go.
- 7 Who is GOD? Romans 11:33-36 Q: How much wisdom do you want to have in life? What are some ways you can get that and who can you get it from?
- 8 Who is GOD? 1 Timothy 6:15-16 Q: How does it make you feel, knowing that GOD could never die? Who will GOD make it so they too will never die?
- 9 Who is GOD? James 1:17 Q: With all the things that change in life, what does it mean to you that your GOD doesn't just change His love and promises to us anytime He feels like it?
- 10 Who is GOD? 1 John 3:20 Q: Is it hard to realize that GOD knows everything? How can GOD better care for us when He knows everything about us?
- 11 Who is GOD? Jeremiah 23:23-24 Q: Why is it a good thing that GOD is omnipresent? Po you think this would make some people uncomfortable too? Why?
- 12 Who is GOD? Job 42:2 God is all-powerful Q: when have you seen GOD's power in your life? How do you want Him to work in your life in the future?
- 13 Who is GOD? 1 John 4:7-10 Q: How has GOD shown His love in your life? How could you show your love back to Him? How could you show GOD's love to those around you?
- 14 Who is GOD? Leviticus 20:7-8 Q: This means "the GOD who sanctifies" how has GOD set us apart for a special use or purpose? How can we 'consecrate' ourselves as we let GOD sanctify us?
- 15 Who is GOD? Genesis 22:9-14 Q: We are the most materially blessed county on the planet think about all the little and big things GOD has provided for you. What other things has GOD provided for you, other than objects?
- 16 Who is GOD? Judges 6:16-24 Q: How have you experienced GOD's peace in your life during hard times? How can you help others have the peace of GOD?

- 17 Who is GOD? Psalm 75:1-7 Q: Po you think it's fair that GOD judges? How does GOD judge those who believe and follow Him and Jesus?
- 18 Who is GOD? Revelation 4:8-11 Q: What does it mean to be holy? How could you become more holy like GOD today?
- 19 Who is GOD? Exodus 15:22-26 Q: How has God acted as a healer in your life physically? Morally? Spiritually?
- 20 Who is GOD? Peuteronomy 4:29-31 Q: How has GOD shown His mercy to you? What ways could you 'search for GOD with all your heart and soul'?
- 21 Who is GOD? Exodus 17:8-15 Q: In what ways does GOD protect you? How can you go to him when you need His refuge and strength?
- 22 Who is GOD? Psalm 89:1-8 Q: In what different ways is GOD faithful? What are some promises in the Bible He's made to us and will keep?
- 23 Who is GOD? Nahum 1:2-8 Q: How can GOD have love and wrath at the same time? What's the difference between the selfish, spiteful human anger and the right, just, and necessary anger of GOD?
- 24 Who is GOD? Ephesians 1:5-8 Q: Grace is unmerited favor and forgiveness. how has GOD shown this grace to you? How can you show the grace of GOD to others?
- 25 Who is GOD? 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Q: GOD is our comforter. What kind of things does He comfort us in? How and when do you think He would want us to comfort other people?
- 26 Who is GOP? 2 Samuel 7:1 8-20 Q: GOP is Adonai, which means 'Lord' or 'Master.' how is GOP Lord and Master of your life? What could you do to follow Him better each day?
- 27 Who is GOD? Psalm 119:65-72, Mark 10:17-18 Q: What does being 'good' mean to you? GOD is good and He does good - but not just 'good' as in 'average', 'good' as in 'excellent in character' and 'perfect in action.' does that change your idea of 'good' at all? How can you show GOD's goodness today?
- 28 Who is GOD? Exodus 3:13-15 Q: Another way we can say GOD's name is "I AM WHO I AM." He always was, always is, and always will be. WOW! What have you learned about GOD in the past month you didn't realize before? how will that change the way you live for Him?



- 1 Who is Jesus? 1 Peter 1:20, Rev. 13:8, Titus 1:2 The plan of Jesus being born and saving us was made by God before the beginning of time. How do you feel, knowing that before you ever sinned God made a way for you to be forgiven?
- 2 Who is Jesus? Isaiah 42:1-9, 52:1 3-1 5 Here God was telling people that Jesus would suffer and die to save them long before he was even born! Can we trust God to keep His promises? Why?
- 3 Who is Jesus? 53:1-12 Jesus took for himself the horrible punishment for sin that we should have had. Spend several minutes thanking Jesus for the pain and death he went through because of his great love for you.
- 4 Who is Jesus? John 1:14 Now we're seeing God's plan of Jesus literally come to life! What are some of the things you plan for? Can you imagine planning to save someone's life, let alone everyone in the world who chooses to trust in Jesus?
- 5 Who is Jesus? 1 John 4:9 Take some time right now to thank God for loving us enough to make a way for us to be saved and have eternal life.
- 6 Who is Jesus? Hebrews 1:1-4, John 14:9 You could say that Jesus is the 'mirror image' of God reflecting His holiness, truth, and love to us. What do you think about Jesus being the "radiance of God's glory?" Can you draw a picture of that bright radiance?
- 7 Who is Jesus? 1 Timothy 2:5 John 14:6 Jesus is between God and us and the only way that we can get to the Father. How close do you think we could be to God without Jesus mediating?
- 8 Who is Jesus? Matthew 3:17, Luke 1:35 Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. What does this mean? Why do you think it's important that he didn't have an earthly father?
- 9 Who is Jesus? John 5:30, 8:28 Jesus can do nothing without God. Are we the same way? What things do you think you could do with God working through you?

- 10 Who is Jesus? John 5:19 Jesus got all his power from God. Have you ever asked God to give you power to show Him to others? Spend some time doing that right now.
- 11 Who is Jesus? John 14:28, 1 Cor. 15:24-28 It's important to remember that Jesus and God are not equal. In what ways is God greater than Jesus? Why do you think some Christians have a hard time understanding this?
- 12 Who is Jesus? Hebrews 10:7, Matthew 12:18 Jesus is God's servant. In what ways could you serve God in your life? How about in this week?
- 13 Who is Jesus? Mark 1:22 God gave Jesus much authority. What does authority mean and how did Jesus use the authority God gave to him?
- 14 Who is Jesus? Matthew 4:23 Jesus healed the sick! Wow! Po you know people who are sick? Spend some time right now praying for them to be healed.
- 15 Who is Jesus? Matthew 9:10-11 Jesus hung out with the outcasts. Are there people you know who are rejected by others? How could you befriend them and show them God's love and mercy?
- 16 Who is Jesus? Matthew 23:27 Jesus got angry at the religious fakes. We need to be careful that when we say we follow Jesus we're living it out in our lives. How could you better show that Jesus is living inside of you today?
- 17 Who is Jesus? Hebrews 2:1 4-18 Jesus was fully human in every way and was even tempted in many ways that we are tempted. What things tempt you? How could you use Scriptures to combat these temptations?
- 18 Who is Jesus? Ephesians 3:16-19 Jesus has such an amazing love for us! Take some time to pray right now that you would begin to understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep the love of Jesus is for YOU.
- 19 Who is Jesus? 1 John 3:5 Jesus was a man yet he never sinned! Wow! How have you sinned this past week? Pray and ask God to forgive those sins, to cleanse you, and to help you know how to resist them when you're tempted to sin again.
- 20 Who is Jesus? John 10:1-18 Jesus is called the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and his sheep even know him! In what ways does Jesus know you? And in what ways do you seek to know him?
- 21 Who is Jesus? 1 Peter 2:4-10 Jesus was chosen by God but sadly rejected by many men. Pray for your friends and family members who choose to not know God and therefore not know eternal life. Have you told them of God's love for them lately?
- 22 Who is Jesus? Matthew 26:59-60 Jesus was persecuted and killed unfairly. Did you know that persecution and killing people who follow Jesus still happens in the world today? Pray for your brothers and sisters in the faith around the world as they are under attack.
- 23 Who is Jesus? John 19:33, 1 Cor. 15:3 Jesus was mortal and died a painful death for us. Since he gave us his life, how could you give your life to him? How could you serve, follow, and obey him this week?
- 24 Who is Jesus? 1 Corinthians 15:20 It wasn't over though! God raised Jesus from the dead and he was the first to be resurrected to eternal life. Those who believe and follow him will also have the same eternal life. Have you made Jesus your Lord and Savior?
- 25 Who is Jesus? Romans 6:9 Jesus will never die again! Praise be to God! How does this bring you hope to your life?
- 26 Who is Jesus? Phil. 2:9-11 Because of his obedience, God rewarded Jesus by giving him power to rule and reign over everything. What's the most powerful thing you can think of on Earth? Know that Jesus is MUCH more powerful than that!
- 27 Who is Jesus? Matthew 28:16-20 God gave authority over all things to Jesus. How does it comfort you to know that no matter how bad things get, Jesus has it under control and will some day make everything new and perfect?
- 28 Who is Jesus? Luke 1:31-33 Jesus is the King of Kings! What do you know about his Kingdom that will never end? Are you excited to be a part of it?
- 29 Who is Jesus? John 5:22-27, Acts 17:31 Jesus has been given authority to rightly judge all mankind. How do you feel, knowing that everyone's life will be judged? Now how do you feel, knowing that those who follow Jesus are judged to be perfect and have eternal life?
- 30 Who is Jesus? Psalm 1 10:1-7 Right now Jesus is sitting at God's right hand and will return someday to complete God's plan for the world. What do you think it's like where God and Jesus are right now?

31 - Who is Jesus? - John 3:16-17 - Pon't miss this - Jesus is the only possible way to have a relationship with God and to have eternal life. Take some time to praise God for giving us Jesus and to think of ways that you can build your relationship with God and Jesus this week.





- 1 The Life of Jesus Luke 1:26-56 Jesus' life began in the womb of Mary. However, Jesus didn't have an earthy father. How did Mary become pregnant and why is this so very important?
- 2 The Life of Jesus Matthew 1:18-25 Praise God! Jesus the Messiah is born! What do you usually do to celebrate Jesus' birthday? What different things might you try this year to celebrate and honor his birth?
- 3 The Life of Jesus Luke 2:41-52 Jesus had to grow in wisdom and in the knowledge of all things just like us! What are some things you think Jesus did to grow and learn more about God? What things could you do on a daily basis to learn more about God?
- 4 The Life of Jesus Matthew 3:1-17 Hooray! Jesus was baptized! What does baptism mean and represent? Is baptism the end or the beginning of the Christian life? What are we to do after we're baptized?
- 5 The Life of Jesus Luke 4:1-13 Even Jesus was tempted. How did he combat his temptation here? What verses could you memorize to combat your temptations?
- 6 The Life of Jesus Luke 4:31-44 Jesus cast out demons and healed sick people. Are people still healed from demons and sickness today? Also, why did Jesus say was the purpose as to why he was sent?
- 7 The Life of Jesus Luke 5:1-1 1, Matthew 7:21-22 What does it mean to be a disciple? Are all Christians called to be a disciple and make other disciples? What's the difference between a true and a false disciple? How could you be a true one?
- 8 The Life of Jesus Mark 4:35-41 It's a miracle Jesus stopped the storm! Po you have faith that Jesus will be there for you in the 'storms' or hard time in your life? How do you trust him to help you through those times?
- 9 The Life of Jesus Matthew 14:13-21 Another miracle! Jesus provided food for these people who had none. What ways do Jesus and God provide for you in your life? Have you ever asked them to provide something for you?
- 10 The Life of Jesus Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus is truly the Son of God. Have you ever doubted in him or God? How have you doubted and how have they brought you through your time of doubt?
- 11 The Life of Jesus Matthew 6:9-15 Jesus taught on many things, including prayer. Have you ever been taught how to pray? According to this, how can we pray like Jesus?
- 12 The Life of Jesus John 17:20-23 This is Jesus' prayer for us! What ways can us believers be 'one' with each other? In what ways do we show the glory of Jesus?
- 13 The Life of Jesus Mark 14:32-42 Jesus was praying to God before he was betrayed. Po you most often pray for God to do things your way or for you to do things God's way? Spend some time in prayer asking God for His will in your life.
- 14 The Life of Jesus John 1 1:45-57 However, not everyone loved who Jesus was and his teaching. Why do you think some were plotting to kill him? What are some ways that people try to do away with the things of Jesus in the world today?
- 15 The Life of Jesus Matthew 26:47-56 Jesus was betrayed and arrested. Imagine yourself as one of the disciples with him what emotions would you have been feeling? Do you think you would have tried to stop them or let them take Jesus?
- 16 The Life of Jesus Matthew 26:57-68 Jesus is now at his trial. Po you think it was a fair trail? Pid he do anything wrong to deserve this? If not, why were they wanting to make him out to be guilty?
- 17 The Life of Jesus Luke 23:26-56 This was the tragic day in all of history. However, it was also in God's plan and needed to happen. Why did Jesus have to die? What changed when he died?
- 18 The Life of Jesus Matthew 28:1-20 It's a miracle Jesus has been raised from the dead! Can you even imagine witnessing such a significant event? What does Jesus coming back to life mean for us? Could Jesus ever die again?

- 19 The Life of Jesus Acts 1:1-11 Jesus earthly ministry is now done and he has gone up to be with God. When does the Bible say Jesus will come back to earth? What will happen when he comes back? This is our hope!
- 20 Parables of Jesus Matthew 7:24-28 What's the difference between hearing the teachings of Jesus and hearing them and actually putting them into practice? Which one is wise and which one is foolish?
- 21 Parables of Jesus Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23 What kinds of people do the different seeds represent? Which kind are you? Which kind do you want to be?
- 22 Parables of Jesus Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 This is one of many parables about the coming Kingdom of God. Do you want to be like the good seeds or the weeds? What would someone need to do to be that?
- 23 Parables of Jesus Matthew 13:31-32 The physical Kingdom of God will start small and grow to fill the entire world! Spend some time praising God today, thanking Him for how He will set up His amazing and glorious Kingdom here for those who follow Him.
- 24 Parables of Jesus Matthew 13:44-46 Why is the Kingdom of God a great treasure or precious pearl? How much do you value it? And how could you put it above everything else in your life, like these men did?
- 25 Parables of Jesus Matthew 18:21-35 What debt was paid for us that makes us like the forgiven servant? What does it take for you to be able to forgive those who do wrong against you?
- 26 Parables of Jesus Matthew 20:1-16 Just because someone is saved by Jesus later in life than us, that doesn't make us more worthy. What are some ways you can put others ahead of you this week and put yourself last?
- 27 Parables of Jesus Matthew 21:28-32 Sometimes 'American Christianity' makes it easy for us to be lukewarm and to say we follow Jesus but not really live it out. How can you show in your life that you follow Jesus instead of calling yourself a Christian but not doing anything about it?
- 28 Parables of Jesus Matthew 25:1-13 We need to prepare and be ready for Jesus' return. How can you live your daily life so that your attention, thoughts, and motives are centered around Jesus? Po you eagerly await his return?
- 29 Parables of Jesus Matthew 25:14-30 Everything we have comes from God and belongs to Him. What are some talents and resources have you been entrusted with? What will you do with those to honor and glorify God in your life?
- 30 Parables of Jesus Luke 6:39-42 What do you think it means to be blind spiritually? Po you have a metaphorical 'plank in your eye' (sin in your life) that is causing you to be hypocritical when you point out that sin in other people's lives?





- 1 Parables of Jesus Luke 10:30-27 How do you treat people you don't like? How can we be like Jesus when we come across someone who is in need? Who could you help this week? How?
- 2 Parables of Jesus Luke 1 1:1-10 Persistence is a great quality to have. When was the last time you didn't quit on something or someone? How could you pray to God with persistence?
- 3 Parables of Jesus Luke 12:13-21 Do you remember a time when you were greedy with something? Why do you think you wanted it so much? What would help you keep your relationship with God a priority over money?
- 4 Parables of Jesus Luke 12:35-48 What ways do you think we can be ready for Jesus' return? What happens to us when Jesus comes back if we lived a godly life? What about if we lived a life far from God?
- 5 Parables of Jesus Luke 14:7-11 What does being humble mean? What ways can you put others before you this week? What happens when we don't humble ourselves?
- 6 Parables of Jesus Luke 14:28-33 Have you ever started something and then quit? Jesus says we need to count the cost of whatever we do in life, especially if it's following after him. What is the cost of following Jesus? Is it worth it?
- 7 Parables of Jesus Luke 15:11-32 God rejoices when even one sinner repents and turns to Him. Have you ever run back to God after you've sinned? How does it feel when he forgives you and takes you back with open arms?

- 8 Parables of Jesus Luke 18:1-8 Do you remember a time in your life when you were persistent in your faith and didn't give up believing our hope no matter what the circumstances were? Also, how can you be persistent to God in your prayer life?
- 9 Parables of Jesus Luke 18:9-14 Is there something in your life that you need to humble yourself with (something that you think you're better at than everyone else?) Spend a few moments focusing on God's amazing grace to forgive us rather than how great we think we are.
- 10 Parables of Jesus John 10:1-5 Jesus is the only way to be saved and he wants us to follow him with our whole self. Is there an area of your life where you are not following your Shepherd and instead following the world? What would it look like to instead follow Jesus in that area?
- 11 Parables of Jesus John 15:1-8 What hopes or dreams do you have of ways that you could reach others to help them know and live out the things of God and Jesus? What could you do this week to help fulfill those dreams?
- 12 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:3 'Poor in spirit' means that we understand our great need for God. Why do you need God in your life? What would happen if you lived your life without Him?
- 13 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:4 When has God comforted you in a hard time? How did that make you feel? How could you comfort others when they're having a rough time in life? Is there someone you could comfort today?
- 14 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:5 The humble will inherit the Kingdom of God! But does it mean to be humble? Is there an area of your life in which you need to find humility in?
- 15 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:6 Can you remember a time when were you really hungry or really thirsty? That passionate way of seeking food or water is the way we're called to run after the things of God.
- 16 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:7 Do you have a merciful, compassionate, generous heart? How would you show this quality to your parents or siblings?
- 17 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:8 Those with pure hearts will see God, WOW what a promise! How do you think someone with a pure heart would act? The world is always trying to make you dirty and far from God; what things help lead us toward pure hearts and pure lives?
- 18 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:9 How can each of you work toward having peace within your family? What would a peaceful home look like?
- 19 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:10 Would you stay true to your Christian faith even if it cost you your whole life? Pray to have the strength and courage to stand up for your God no matter what.
- 20 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:1 1-12 Have you ever been put down for what you believe about God and Jesus? If so, you are experiencing just a very small taste of what Jesus went through for us. Pray for commitment to God when the world tests our faith.
- 21 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:13 Christians are the salt of the earth. What could happen that would cause someone to lose their saltiness or Christian qualities? How could you show your Christian flavor to others this week?
- 22 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:14-16 When was the last time you shared to others your story of what Jesus means to you? Have you ever hidden the light of Jesus in your life when you were around certain people?
- 23 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:21-22 Jesus has strong standards and even equates anger with murder! Who are you angry against and murdering in your heart right now? What will you do to instead bring grace and forgiveness to them?
- 24 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 5:43-48 Do you have bullies or others who treat you badly? Take a few minutes to pray for them right now. What could you do today to show love to that person?
- 25 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 6:1-4 Who is in need around you? What are they in need of? Plan ways for you and your family to quietly help them with their specific needs this week.
- 26 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 6:5-13 Prayer is our daily communication with God. Does praying come naturally to you or is it hard? What are some things that would help remind you to pray to your Heavenly Father each day?
- 27 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 6:16-18 Fasting is a part of the Christian life that many miss out on. It's giving up something for a period of time to focus more on the things of God. What could you fast from today? Food? Tv? Music? Internet? Video games?

- 28 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 6:24 Why do you think Jesus singled out money here? How does money and the things it buys compete for our heart? What ways can people serve money? How can we make a practice of putting God before money and the things it buys?
- 29 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 7:12 Is it easy or hard to treat others the way you would like to be treated? Why? Look for ways to follow the Golden Rule today.
- 30 Teachings of Jesus Matthew 7:13-14 Why do you think so many don't follow the ways of Jesus? What are they missing out on? What's one way you will not do what everyone else is doing and instead follow Jesus' way today?
- 31 Teachings of Jesus Over the past two months, what parable or teaching of Jesus is your favorite? Share yours with your family and why you like it!



- 1 The Holy Spirit Luke 1:35 The Holy Spirit is the way the Bible describes God's power. You could say it's His 'divine energy.' List all the things you can think of that God's power, or spirit, has created and done. Could your list ever end?
- 2 The Holy Spirit Job 33:4 God's shows His impersonal power is many different ways. Some ways from the Bible are wind, fire, water, oil, a dove, lamps and like here, breath. What is your favorite way that God has shown His power?
- 3 The Holy Spirit Ephesians 1:19-20 God's power is awesome and mighty indeed through it He can create the universe and raise the dead! Po you have a favorite event of how God has demonstrated His power?
- 4 The Holy Spirit Galatians 5:22-25 When believers are filled with the Spirit, they are filled with the invisible power of God and Jesus. What areas are you filled with the Spirit? What ways can you pray for God to give you more of His Spirit?
- 5 The Holy Spirit John 14:15-18 When Jesus ascended to heaven he promised that through the Holy Spirit, God and Jesus would continue to comfort, help, guide, protect, and empower us as believers. How has God's power worked through you?
- 6 Sin Isaiah 64:6 Do you think you're a good person? Why or why not? The Bible shows us that from God's perspective, none of us are 'good enough' because every one of us has sin and we're all in need of a Savior.
- 7 Sin 1 John 3:4 The word sin Iterally means to miss the mark. We miss the mark of being perfect every time we break God's law. Take a look at Exodus 20:2-17 to see God's standards for us and think of how you have broken some of these already this week.
- 8 Sin Romans 5:1 2, Psalm 51:5 Sin came from our ancestor, Adam, and has been passed down to us. We are all under the 'curse' of sin. How do you feel, knowing that you are under this 'sin curse' from your very beginnings?
- 9 Sin Isaiah 59:1-2 Sin separates us and puts a block between God and man because He's holy and perfect and cannot be around sin. Can you make a color drawing with yourself, God, and the huge block that's separating you two?
- 10 Sin Romans 6:23 The result of sin is death. If we are not believers, we have to pay our own sin penalty by being destroyed in the second death. How does knowing that Jesus paid the penalty for you change the way you live and think?
- 11 Sin 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Another result of sin in our lives is that it hurts others people. God made us very relational and we're all part of 'one body'. What are a few ways that our sins can hurt other people?
- 12 Sin Luke 8:17, Numbers 32:23 Another part of sin is that there is no such thing as a 'secret sin,' or a sin that only affects us and only we know about. Have you ever had a 'secret sin'? How did it hurt you and others?
- 13 Sin James 5:16, 1 John 1:9 Part of limiting sin in our lives is the act of confession. We confess our sin to other trustworthy Christians and to God so that we may be healed and forgiven. Po you have a sin that you need to confess?

- 14 Sin 1 John 2:2, 2 Cor. 5:21 And now the GOOD NEWS! We all have sinned BUT Jesus has paid for the believer's sin so that we can be made right with God and have eternal life!! This is AMAZING news! Share how it it has changed the world and changed your life!
- 15 Death Hebrews 9:27-28 Death is a sad thing that comes to us all but instead of avoiding it, it's good for us to know what the Bible says about it. Before we look at Scripture though, what have you heard about what happens after you die?
- 16 Death Psalm 104:29, Ecc. 12:7 God formed Adam from the dust, gave him breath, and he was alive (Gen. 2:7). Without this breath of life, or spirit, we are dead. Take a minute and listen to the sound of your breathing. Thank God for giving you this precious life-breath.
- 17 Death Psalm 146:4, Ecc. 9:5, 10 When you die, you have no life anywhere and you know nothing. Why do you think so many believe you go to heaven when you die? Even though this thought may be comforting, we need to stick with the truth in the Bible.
- 18 Death John 1 1:1 1-14 The Bible compares death to an unconscious sleep. If one who dies is a believer, their next conscious experience will be standing before Christ at the first resurrection. What do you think your first words would be in that moment?
- 19 Death John 3:13, Acts 2:34 All the dead remain in their graves until they're resurrected. Have you ever been to a funeral and seen someone asleep in death? What was that like for you? Know that if that person was a believer you can rejoice in our hope of being made alive again!
- 20 Death Hebrews 9:27-28, Rev. 22:12 A person's death is not the time of their reward or punishment, that happens at their resurrection. What do you want Jesus to say to you when he raises you from the dead?
- 21 Death Rev. 21:8, Rev. 20:6 There are 2 deaths! Though the 2nd death is only for the wicked and it will be an eternal death where they will never be alive again. Spend time in prayer for your friends & family who aren't Christians as they may be in this awful 2nd death if they don't come to know Jesus.
- 22 Hell 2 Samuel 2:6 What do you think when you hear the word 'hell'? To most, it will be something very scary, even though hell is a translation of the Old Testament Hebrew word 'sheol,' which simply refers to the grave. How has this word changed in meaning through the years?
- 23 Hell Isaiah 38:18 In the Authorized Version of the Bible, 'sheol' is translated 'grave' 31 times, 'hell' 31 times, and 'pit' 3 times. Old Testament writers said that dead men were buried in sheol. Where do you think people get their newer, scary, incorrect version of hell from?
- 24 Hell 1 Corinthians 15:55 In the New T., the Greek word 'hades' is translated to hell, depths, death, or grave in the NIV. Hades comes from the Hebrew sheol. How do you think we can help change the common misunderstanding most people have about hell?
- 25 Hell Matthew 10:28 Also translated 'hell' 12x in the N.T. is 'Gehenna.' Jesus used this burning rubbish heap as an illustration of the final destruction of the wicked in the lake of fire (the 2nd death). Po a Google search for 'Gehanna' to better understand this word.
- 26 Hell Matthew 7:13 Psalm 37:38 The Bible teaches that the wicked will be completely destroyed in the lake of fire and NOT experience eternal torture, as is a popular belief. Why do you think God would choose to destroy the wicked instead of torture them forever?
- 27 Hell Acts 2:31 So who goes to hell? Everyone! All who die are in the Bible hell, the grave. We will remain there, unconscious, until our resurrection. Do you think people would look at you strange if you told them that 'we're all going to hell'? Why?
- 28 Hell Job 3:17 So what is hell really like? According to the Bible it is in the ground, it is beneath us, and it is a place of unconscious rest, or sleep NOT a place of agony and torture. How hard do you think it would be for people to change their mind about hell? Why?
- 29 Hell Revelation 20:13 So how long does 'hell', or the grave, last? Until the person is resurrected! Resurrected to eternal life for believers or resurrected to pay the death penalty for their sins for unbelievers. Who can you share your hope of this rest and resurrection with this week?
- 30 Hell Revelation 20:1 4-15 We want to have our names written in the book of life! We need to confess that Jesus is Lord and follow him with our lives. Death and hell are tough subjects, but we need to know the truth about them! How have these truths changed you this month?





- 1 Why'd Jesus Die? Hebrews 9:26 Share what you know about Jesus and his death. Why do you think his sacrifice was necessary?
- 2 Why'd Jesus Die? Mark 10:45 Jesus' death removed the barrier created by our sin in its relation to God's holiness. Does that seem like a strange way to save the world? Why or why not?
- 3 Why'd Jesus Die? Romans, 6:23, 1 Timothy 1:15 In order to appreciate the Good News, we have to know the bad news. We've learned that because of our sin, we deserve death. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus willingly took our sin upon himself so that we might be saved?
- 4 Why'd Jesus Die? Acts 4:12 There are only two options either we pay for our sin with the 2nd death, or allow Jesus to pay for our sin. Have you personally allowed Jesus to pay for your sin?
- 5 Why'd Jesus Die? 1 Peter 3:18, Romans 5:19 Christ died once for all so that you could be made righteous and so that you could live forever with him. Are you truly living for him today?
- 6 Why'd Jesus Die? 1 Corinthians 1:18 Jesus and the cross can sometimes seem foolish to those who don't understand who Jesus is and what he did for us. How could you reach out to someone who doesn't get who Jesus is and show them the power he has?
- 7 Why'd Jesus Die? Hebrews 4:15 Jesus was able to save us because he was the only one ever who had no sin. Spend a few minutes praying and thanking Jesus for living a perfectly obedient life so that we might be saved!
- 8 His Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:12-14 Discuss what the world would be like if Jesus hadn't been raised from the dead. How would you feel without the hope that only God can provide through Jesus?
- 9 His Resurrection Romans 10:9 Belief in Jesus' resurrection is essential to your salvation. Po you truly believe that Jesus was raised from the dead? Have you allowed him to be in charge of every part of your life?
- 10 His Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:2-4 Faith in the Jesus' death and resurrection was of first importance to the New Testament church as it should be to us as well. Does the way you spend your time show that what happened to Jesus is important to you?
- 11 His Resurrection Psalm 16:9-10 This is a promise about Jesus' resurrection thousands of years before it happened. How does that give you more confidence in the truth and reliability of the Bible?
- 12 His Resurrection Matthew 12:40 Jonah's 3 days in the fish was a picture of Jesus' death and resurrection. For those 3 days, what similarities can you find between Jonah and Jesus?
- 13 His Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:20 Jesus was the first to be raised from the dead to immortality and we who follow him will later likewise be raised to immortal life. How does this BIG truth give you hope?
- 14 His Resurrection Hebrews 1 1:17-19 Abraham and Isaac are also an Old Testament 'type' or picture of something greater to come. What connections can you find between Abraham and Isaac and God and Jesus?
- 15 His Resurrection Matthew 16:21 Amazing, Jesus had a crystal clear vision of what his purpose was and was willing to follow God in it even though for him it meant the ultimate sacrifice. Are you willing to accept God's will for your life even if parts of it may be difficult?
- 16 His Resurrection Matthew 28:5-6 One of the major proofs of Jesus' resurrection is the empty tomb. How would you feel if you were one of the first to find your Savior's tomb empty and realize that he was alive again?
- 17 His Resurrection John 20:24-29 We too can often be like Thomas and have trouble believing. What are some ways you could overcome doubts that you have about Jesus being real, alive, and coming back?
- 18 His Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:6 Another main proof of Jesus' resurrection is that he showed himself to over 500 people over 40 days. What would be going through your mind if you were a part of the ones able to see and talk with Jesus after he came back to life?
- 19 His Resurrection Luke 24:39 Jesus' resurrection involved, like ours someday, a real, literal, physical body and not just some spirit floating around. If the Bible knows of no other life outside of the body, why do you think some believe in an 'immortal soul'?

- 20 His Resurrection Romans 6:9, Rev. 1:18 Jesus will never, ever die again and neither will we after our resurrection. What do you think of when you picture God's perfect world with no death, crying, pain, suffering, etc? How much do you look forward to that day?
- 21 His Resurrection Romans 1:3-4 Jesus' resurrection powerfully proved that he truly was and is the Son of God. What should change in a person's life after they come to the realization that Jesus really is the Son of the God?
- 22 His Resurrection Romans 4:25 God showed that He accepted Christ's sacrifice by raising Him from the dead. What do you think would happen to us if Jesus died for our sins but was not raised from the dead?
- 23 His Resurrection Colossians 3:4, Eph. 1:19-20 Jesus stands as a preview of what God will do to all believers when His Son comes again. How do you think you'll feel, sharing in your Savior, Jesus', glory? Wow!
- 24 His Resurrection Acts 17:30-31 How much of a difference would it make to your life and eternal life if you were judged to be innocent because of Jesus' righteousness? What about if you were judged guilty because you followed the world not Jesus?
- 25 His Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:25-26, 1 Cor. 15:55 Jesus' resurrection assures that he will defeat all his enemies, including death. Have you ever been sad over the death of someone you love? Discuss what it would be like to never, ever lose someone you loved again.
- 26 Christ's Threefold Work John 10:11 This was Jesus' earthly ministry, to be the 'Good' Shepherd when he gave himself in sacrificial death for his sheep. In light of Jesus giving his all for you, what are some things that you've sacrificed for him in your life?
- 27 Christ's Threefold Work Hebrews 13:20-21 Jesus is also the 'Great' Shepherd in his heavenly ministry today as he works in the lives of all believers. What are some ways Jesus, through God's Spirit, could work in your life to help others this week?
- 28 Christ's Threefold Work 1 Peter 5:4 In his future new earthly ministry, Jesus is described as the 'Chief' Shepherd. With him as your Chief Shepherd, are you willing to follow Jesus wherever he takes you? Why might you wonder off the path?
- 29 Christ's Threefold Work Romans 8:1 Because of Jesus' sacrificial death, we have salvation from the penalty' of sin. When you accepted Jesus, how did it feel to have all the guilt and condemnation lifted off of you and to be made right in God's sight?
- 30 Christ's Threefold Work Galatians 5:16 Because Jesus is working in our life, we have salvation from the 'power' of sin. How can you let Jesus' power transform you this week as you seek to live in trustful obedience to him?
- 31 Christ's Threefold Work Matthew 13:40-43 When Jesus returns to earth and begins his new earthly ministry, we will have salvation from the 'presence' of sin. How would your life be different if all sin were completely removed?



- 1 What's to come? Job 14:14 Discuss this question from Job. What do you believe and why?
- 2 What's to come? I Timothy 6:16 Immortality is being unable to die and God is the only one who has always had immortality. What is the way we receive immortality? Is there any other way to live forever?
- 3 What's to come? Romans 2:7 In what ways are you doing good and seeking after the immortality that God offers?
- 4 What's to come? Titus 2:13 To what are you looking forward about Jesus' return?
- 5 What's to come? 1 John 3:3 In what ways does Jesus' return make you want to keep your life pure?
- 6 What's to come? Acts 1:10-11 Discuss the excitement that Christians will experience when Jesus returns to the earth. What do you think it will be like?
- 7 What's to come? 1 Thess. 4:16-17 Act this out as a family and/or draw a picture to remind yourself of the hope that we as Christians have of meeting our glorious Savior in the air.
- 8 What's to come? 1 Cor. 15:52 Just because we're dead that doesn't mean that our hope is gone! Po you have family members or friends who followed Jesus but are now dead? What will it be like to see them again?

- 9 What's to come? Phil. 3:21 What do you think it would be like to have a glorious immortal body like Jesus after his resurrection? What things would no longer affect your weak mortal body?
- 10 What's to come? 1 Cor. 15:53 What do you think about God transforming our existing bodies that he's already made for us instead of making us into some ghostlike spirit that just floats around?
- 11 Kingdom of God Psalm 89:27-37 God made a covenant to Pavid that his family line would have an eternal throne and Kingdom. How do you think God will go about fulfilling this covenant promise?
- 12 Kingdom of God Luke 1:32-33 Jesus is in the line of David and is the qualified ruler of the Kingdom of God for forever. Do you always keep your promises? How do we know that God will?
- 13 Kingdom of God John 18:36-37 Jesus was born to be King. How would you feel if you were born knowing that someday you would be Present of the U.S.? How do you think Jesus felt knowing he would be King of the whole world forever?!
- 14 Kingdom of God Luke 8:1 Jesus revealed his Kingly authority in his massage and miracles and showed us just a taste of what it'll be like when he reigns as King. With whom this week do you need to share the Good News of the Kingdom? How will you do that?
- 15 Kingdom of God John 19:14-15 Even though Jesus is the King, sadly Israel rejected him. Have you ever rejected Jesus in your life, whether purposefully or not, or even by your lifestyle? Have you repented and come back to him?
- 16 Kingdom of God Matthew 25:31 Jesus will come back before the Millennium and set up his Kingdom on the earth. What do you think the world will be like with no other presidents, kings, or rulers - only Jesus in charge?
- 17 Kingdom of God Rev. 20:6, 5:9-10 Christians will rule and reign with Jesus for 1000 years on the earth. This will be so much more than sitting on clouds and playing harps! How do you think you'd feel to be helping Jesus in great ways for 1000 years?
- 18 Kingdom of God Rev. 19:11-21 This is the future judgment when Christ's Kingdom will replace all other earthly kingdoms. Have you ever pictured Jesus like this before or was this surprising to you? Why is it important to know about this side of Jesus?
- 19 Kingdom of God Isaiah 2:4 With all the wars going on today, can you even imagine real and lasting peace being on the entire earth? Think about not locking your doors, no bullies or hurtful people, no war casualties, etc.
- 20 Kingdom of God Isaiah 1 1:6-9 Think about going to a zoo with tons of animals but no cages! Po you have a favorite animal you might like to play with or ride on in the Kingdom? Maybe even a favorite dinosaur (who knows!)?
- 21 Kingdom of God Isaiah 35:5-6 In the Kingdom we'll also have no more sickness! Po you know people who are sick and hurting? What would it be like to live in a world where no one got sick... ever!?
- 22 Kingdom of God Isaiah 41:18-19 When the Kingdom is established, the earth will be restored to its former glorious lushness and fruitfulness (think Garden of Eden). Draw a picture of what you think this amazing restored planet will look like.
- 23 Abrahamic Faith Genesis 17:1-8 God promised Abraham that he and his many descendants would have the land as an everlasting possession (the Kingdom of God). How are you also aiming to fulfill God's request to Abraham in verse 1?
- 24 Abrahamic Faith Hebrews 1 1:8-1 3 God's promise to Abraham will be fulfilled completely when Jesus comes back. What ways could you have faith like Abraham in obeying God and believing what he says will always come true?
- 25 Judgement Galatians 5:19-21 Carefully evaluate this list against your behaviors. Pray about anything that God might have you repent of and change in your life so that you can experience God's forgiveness and be a part of the Kingdom.
- 26 Judgement Rom. 2:6, 14:10-12 What do you think it would be like to give a recap of your life to God, all the good and all the bad? Because of God's holiness, he has to rightly judge us and get rid of all sin before we can be in his presence.
- 27 Judgement Ephesians 2:8-9 With judgement, we're not saved by all the good things we do we are only saved by God's grace. How does it make you feel to know that you can't earn your salvation but must accept it as a gift?

- 28 The New Earth Revelation 21:1-7 The new, transformed earth will be the future and eternal home of God's redeemed people. Why do you think God will bring eternity down to earth instead of us going up to heaven?
- 29 The New Earth Revelation 21:10-21 Using the materials of your choice (paper, playdough, blocks, legos, logs, popsicle sticks, etc) make your own model of the New Jerusalem. Then talk about what it will be like to live there!
- 30 The New Earth Daniel 7:14 Life has its share of troubles and uncertainties. How would it feel to live in the Kingdom with God and Jesus who ARE everything that you'll ever need for all eternity?
- 31 The New Earth Revelation 21:22-27 The Kingdom will be a wonderful, beautiful, exciting place like no other but would you be content in this amazing place and with all these amazing people IF God and Jesus weren't there? Why?



- 1 Salvation: Forgiveness Psalm 103:12, Jer. 31:34 God says that he will forgive us our sins and even forget about them as if they had never happened. Po you sometimes find it hard to forgive yourself? Why?
- 2 Salvation: Justification 2 Cor. 5:21 In a sense God has caused Jesus and us to switch places he took on our sin and we took on his righteousness. Imagine if you were innocent in court but you took on someone else's death penalty so they could live - would you do that? Why?
- 3 Salvation: Reconciliation Romans 5:10 Our sin makes us enemies with God but because of Jesus we have peace with him and are his friend. What kinds of things do friends do together that you could do with God to build your relationship with him?
- 4 Salvation: Redemption Rom. 7:14, 1 Pet. 2:16 We were slaves to sin but Jesus 'bought' us out of slavery by his sacrifice so we are now free to serve him. In what ways will you purposefully serve him this week as a thank you for his sacrifice that made you free?
- 5 Salvation: Sanctification Hebrews 10:14 Sanctification is the process of becoming holy as God is holy. Only because of Jesus are we set apart for his special purposes. Pray together, asking God for specific ways he's asking you and your family to be different than the world.
- 6 Salvation: Newness of Life Eph. 2:5, 2 Cor. 5:17 We were dead in our sin but when we are saved by Jesus we become new creations in all ways. Take a nature walk and talk about how the plants (springtime) and animals (caterpillars) go through cycles to become new again similar to how we become new in Jesus.
- 7 Salvation: Adoption Romans 8:16-17 When we are saved, God adopts us as his own child which means that we then guaranteed to have his inheritance the Kingdom forever. What ways could a Christian suffer for Jesus? Are you willing to do that so that you might be glorified with him?
- 8 God's Grace Romans 3:23-24 Salvation is undeserved by us and is THE gift of God. Take a few minutes to write a Thank You card to God for this amazing gift and put it up where you can see it every day this week!
- 9 God's Grace Romans 1 1:6 We cannot earn our salvation by ever being good enough because then it would no longer be a gift! Think of the best, most wonderful gift you've ever received from someone - what was it? How does God's gift of grace infinitely better?
- 10 God's Grace Luke 19:10 Like we might try to coax a hurting animal to us so we can help it, Jesus wants us to come to him to receive God's grace and salvation. Share a story of how you tried to help a hurting animal and what happened.
- 11 Conversion Acts 16:31 Salvation is dependent upon our decision to accept God's loving gift. Share your story of how you came to accept God's grace.
- 12 Baptism John 3:23 Matt. 3:16 The Greek word for baptism means to dip, to immerse, or to sink so Christian baptism is the immersion of the believer in water. Describe your experience with yourself or watching others get baptized. What was it like?
- 13 Baptism Romans 6:4-5 Baptism pictures us putting to death our old nature and rising to newness of life in Christ. What things symbolically 'die' with you when you enter the water and are not a part of your Christlike new nature after you come up?

- 14 Baptism Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16 Baptism is the sinner's outward testimony that they are a repentant believer and they are putting their faith in Jesus. Why do you think the Bible call us to repent, believe, and THEN be baptized?
- 15 Baptism Matthew 28:18-20 Baptism is a command of Christ for all believers because it symbolizes our belief that Christ died for our sin, was buried, and rose again. Why do you think Jesus made it part of this special command to his followers?
- 16 Christian Living Luke 2:52 Once someone becomes a Christian, they seek to live like Jesus in every area of their life (growing mentally, spiritually, and socially) not SO THAT they can be saved, but BECAUSE they have been saved. How have you grown lately?
- 17 Christian Living John 4:23-24 A main part of the believer's new life is his relationship with God. One big part of that relationship is worship. How do you think you could worship in spirit? How do you think you could worship in truth?
- 18 Christian Living Ephesians 6:18, Matthew 6:9-13 Another part of the believer's life is prayer listening and talking with God. When do you make time to pray and what do you pray about? CHALLENGE: write 'pray' on things like your calendar, door, supper table, mirror, tv or bedpost to remind you to pray throughout the day!
- 19 Christian Living Joshua 1:8, Matthew 4:4 There's also Bible study this is spending time hearing what God has to say to you through his written words. Share some of your favorite verses in the Bible and why they mean so much to you.
- 20 Christian Living Peuteronomy 13:4 The believer is also called to obey the things of God. Just as a child is to obey their parents, we are to obey God. What are some ways God is calling you to obedience?
- 21 Christian Living 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Being a believer also changes our relationship with our self we are to glorify God with our body through the right foods, rest, exercise, hygiene, and the way we use our time, talents, and possessions. Which areas could you be honoring God with your body more?
- 22 Christian Living 1 John 1:7-9, Matthew 6:15 Being a believer changes our relationship with sin we confess our sins to God and others, and accept God's forgiveness. We also are to forgive others when they sin against us. What unforgiveness do your have in your heart and what will you do about it?
- 23 Christian Living John 15:19, 1 John 2:15 Being a believer changes our relationship with the 'world' we live in this world but we are called to be set apart from it by following and loving the ways of Jesus. In what specific ways can you be different (godly) in how you interact with the world?
- 24 Christian Living 1 Peter 2:11, Hebrews 11:13-16 In many ways, because our true home is the Kingdom, we may not fit in and might seem 'weird' in a godly way to those around us. What worldly temptations do you need to say 'no' to because your top desire is to follow God?
- 25 Christian Living Galatians 6:10, Matthew 5:13-16 Being a believer means that we are to care for and do good works to everyone around us and in this way show them who Jesus is. Salt purifies, preserves, and heals - how could you purify the world, preserve the things of God , and bring healing to those around you this week?
- 26 Christian Living Mark 16:15 2 Corinthians 5:20 We are God's ambassadors (his representatives) who are to bring the Good News of Jesus to everyone. Who around you needs to hear the Good News of Jesus? When and how will you tell them?
- 27 Christian Living Romans 13:1-7 Being a believer means that we are to be a good citizen of our country, pay our taxes and not cheat on them, and submit to and pray for those in authority (unless they are forcing you to disobey God). Why do you think God commands us to obey our authorities?
- 28 Christian Living 1 Peter 3:1-7 Being a believer means following God in our home, as husband and wife (if married). In what ways could you seek to better love, honor, and serve your spouse this week?
- 29 Christian Living Ephesians 6:1-4 Being a believer means following God in our home, as parents and children. Discuss how each member of your family could better follow these Scriptural commands today.
- 30 Christian Living Ephesians 4:2-3, 1 John 3:14 Being a believer means that we are now in community with other believers. How do you see other believers getting along with each other? How could you play a part in improving relationships with the believers around you?



- 1 Christian Living Hebrews 10:25 Romans 12:3-8 Being a believer means we are to be a committed part of a local church body. What gifts has God given you that you are able to serve your local body with? Are you using those gifts? Why or why not?
- 2 Romans Chapter 1 We are now inviting you to read chapters with us each day to help strengthen your Biblical muscles! Then we'll pick out one verse for discussion like this - v. 16 - What would it look like for you to live today completely unashamed of the Gospel?
- 3 Romans Chapter 2 v. 21 Often it's easier to tell someone else what's right and wrong, but how much time do you spend preaching to yourself? Take a few minutes to speak God's wisdom into your own life, especially regarding the sins that you struggle with.
- 4 Romans Chapter 3 v. 10 It's easy to think higher of ourselves than we ought. Take time to meditate on the fact that no one is deserving of eternal life, but even so God graciously gives it to us as a gift. Thank him and praise him for his goodness!
- 5 Romans Chapter 4 v. 3 How is your faith like that of Abraham? Besides believing that God exists, in what other ways do you believe God? In things like his words, his promises, his providence, his protection?
- 6 Romans Chapter 5 v 3-5 Our suffering, though not desired can actually beneficial to us in many ways. Have you ever been able to rejoice in your suffering? Why or why not?
- 7 Romans Chapter 6 v. 17-18 How have you been a slave to sin in your past? How did it feel to be freed from that so that you could be a willing slave to Jesus and to righteousness?
- 8 Romans Chapter 7 v. 21 When have you really wanted to do right but felt like sin was waiting right there to trip you up? Why do you think it happens like this?
- 9 Romans Chapter 8 v. 5-8 How do you usually live according to the flesh or the Spirit? Why? Thinking for a few minutes and go through your day while picturing Jesus living life as you but with his sinless nature. What would he do different?
- 10 Romans Chapters 9 & 10 10:9-10 What must you do to be saved? Have you ever questioned your salvation? Why or why not?
- 11 Romans Chapter 11 & 12 12:2 How easy is it to do what everyone else around you is doing? Why? What practical things would help your mind be transformed as you go through each day?
- 12 Romans Chapter 13 v. 8 How would owing no one anything, especially money in the form of debts, free you up to serve, give, and love others more? What would you do if you were debt free?
- 13 Romans Chapter 14 v. 13 Is there anything in your life right now that might cause another believer to stumble in their walk with God? Why? If there is something, what can you do this week to remove that stumbling block?
- 14 Romans Chapters 15 & 16 16:17-18 How can we lovingly be very careful of people who teach things that don't match up with what the Bible says? What might you do to unify their division?
- 15 1 Corinthians Chapters 1 & 2 1:18 Why do you think Jesus and the cross seem foolish to those who don't believe? Why is it such a treasure to those who know who Jesus really is?
- 16 1 Corinthians Chapter 3 v. 16 What do you think it means for your body to be God's temple? What are some ways you might treat your body differently knowing that you are God's valued and cherished temple?
- 17 1 Corinthians Chapters 4 & 5 5:12 Contrary to popular belief, God calls us to judge others within our church. What do you think this means and how could we do it in a loving, encouraging, and productive way?
- 18 1 Corinthians Chapter 6 v. 18 Our culture is drowning in sexual immorality. What are some real, practical ways you could flee from sexual immorality in your own life? How could you help those around you flee?
- 19 1 Corinthians Chapter 7 v. 17 Have you ever felt God calling you to do or be something in your life? What did you do with that call? If you haven't felt a call, how could you seek God to find that calling?
- 20 1 Corinthians Chapters 8 & 9 9:19 How could you serve others this week so that they might know God and Jesus better in their life?
- 21 1 Corinthians Chapter 10 v. 14 Idols are much more than just statues think of an idol as something or someone that is placed above God in people's lives as a priority. What do you put before God in your life? What could you do to rearrange that to make God #1?

- 22 1 Corinthians Chapter 11 v. 23-26 Take communion as a family today it doesn't have to be fancy some juice and crackers will do fine! Spend time sharing about what Jesus did for you and of his great and amazing love.
- 23 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 v. 12 What part do you play in your local church body? If you don't have any roles at all, how could you get involved?
- 24 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 v. 11 Our culture promotes "adultescence" getting older but not really 'growing up.' What are some ways we can help young people learn to be real Biblical men and women?
- 25 1 Corinthians Chapter 14 v. 26 What could you do to help build up and encourage your local church body?
- 26 1 Corinthians Chapters 15 & 16 What amazes you the most about Jesus' and our (future) resurrection? Spend time discussing this magnificent miracle that God did with Jesus and will with all Christians as well someday.
- 27 2 Corinthians Chapters 1 & 2 2:14-16 What kind of aroma (smell) do you think you are to others around you? Are you a sweet smell that draws others to want to be closer to God or are you a stinky smell that sometimes pushes people away from God? Why?
- 28 2 Corinthians Chapters 3 & 4 4:7-10 Talk about a time when you felt down, put down, or defeated in some way. How were you able to overcome that?
- 29 2 Corinthians Chapter 5 v. 14-15 What would your day look like if the love of Christ controlled everything you did and said? How might you act or talk differently?
- 30 2 Corinthians Chapter 6 v. 3-10 Wow! What a list! What traits do you share with these servants of God? Which traits do you desire to have? Why?
- 31 2 Corinthians Chapter 7 v. 10 Have you ever felt a godly sorrow, or grief? What was it like? In what ways is that better than worldly sorrow?



- 1 2 Corinthians Chapter 8 (v. 14) Q: Who's in need that you could help as a family this week? What about in needs other than just money? When, who, and how will you help?
- 2 2 Corinthians Chapter 9 (v. 7-9) Q: When you give, what's your attitude? What do you think some qualities of a "cheerful giver" might be?
- 3 2 Corinthians Chapter 10 v. 17 What are you proud of about yourself? What would it sound like to hear someone boasting in the Lord about their life?
- 4 2 Corinthians Chapter 11 v. 14 What things in your life are disguising themselves as good or fun but that are a temptation to you and deep down you know they're wrong?
- 5 2 Corinthians Chapter 12 v. 9 What areas of your life are you weak in? How could God work through those weaknesses to do great things?
- 6 2 Corinthians Chapter 13 v. 5 Spend a few minutes alone and really think and take a look at who you are as a person and as a follower of God. Is your faith genuine? Are you giving your all to God and Jesus? Is something holding you back?
- 7 Galatians Chapter 1 v. 6-7 Are you now or have you ever been fooled into a li190e that someone has told you about Jesus? What was it and how did you combat that with the truth?
- 8 Galatians Chapter 2 v. 21 Why does the law and our works not save us? Why can only Jesus alone do that?
- 9 Galatians Chapter 3 v. 29 What was God's promise to Abraham that now belongs to us as well? Pescribe it.
- 10 Galatians Chapter 4 v. 9 What habits or sins were you formerly a 'slave' of? Do these things keep pulling you back? Why? What would help you get rid of them in your life for good?
- 11 Galatians Chapter 5 v. 19-24 What's the 'fruit' from your life? Is it usually from the first list or the second? Pray over verses 22 and 23 and ask God to fill you with these fruits.
- 12 Galatians Chapter 6 v. 1-3 Who has stumbled and fallen in their life that you could help pick back up this week? Whose burdens could you share this week? Meet with that person and offer to do so.
- 13 Ephesians Chapter 1 v. 19-20 We have great and awesome power because we believe in God and Jesus and follow them. What would you like to see happen in the world if nothing were holding you back?

- 14 Ephesians Chapter 2 v. 10 What is your view of yourself? Po you ever feel down and like you aren't good enough? How does it make you feel to know that you are God's "masterpiece"?!
- 15 Ephesians Chapter 3 v. 20 Make a list of things that you think God can do through you. Now look back at that list - God can do way more than that through you!!
- 16 Ephesians Chapter 4 v. 2-6 What things do people do that are pet peeves to you? Does your love cover those faults of theirs? What ways this week would help you to "be one" with other believers?
- 17 Ephesians Chapter 5 v. 1- Name 5 ways that you could imitate God. Pick one of those ways and focus on imitating him in that area for the rest of the day.
- 18 Ephesians Chapter 6 v. 13-17 What happens when a soldier goes into battle without part or all of his armor? What could happen to us as Christians in our spiritual battle if we don't put on all of God's armor?
- 19 Philippians Chapter 1 v. 3 Name five people you're most thankful for. Tell all those people today that you're thankful for them and why.
- 20 Philippians Chapter 2 v. 14-15 Do you ever do things with arguing and complaining? How can you shine for God in that area? What other areas could you shine for God in?
- 21 Philippians Chapter 3 v. 13-14 Do you have any past regrets? What would help you to move forward and to press towards better things in life that God has for you?
- 22 Philippians Chapter 4 v. 8 This is a great list to go to when deciding if it would be good to do a great many things. Write this list down on a piece of paper and when you have a decision to make today pull out your list and see if it fits this criteria.
- 23 Colossians Chapter 1 v. 15 How is Jesus the best reflection or image of God that we could ever see? In what ways does he represent God to us?
- 24 Colossians Chapter 2 v. 6-7 Have you accepted and believed in Jesus? Is that the end of our duty? What does this verse tell us that we need to keep doing for the rest of our lives?
- 25 Colossians Chapter 3 v. 17 You are a representative, or an ambassador of Jesus! How will your actions today show that you're representing him well?
- 26 Colossians Chapter 4 v. 2 Take as long as you like right now to devote yourself to prayer. Pray about the things God is concerned about in the world as well as the things that are happening in your life today.
- 27 1 Thessalonians Chapter 1 v. 6 Will you keep following God and Jesus in your life even if you suffer for it? What if you have to lose everything you have?
- 28 1 Thessalonians Chapter 2 v. 8 What are some ways you could share your life with other people this week?
- 29 1 Thessalonians Chapter 3 v. 7-8 Who greatly encourages you in your life? What greatly encourages you?
- 30 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 v. 7-8 Not striving to live holy is rejecting God wow! In what ways today could you seek to live holy as God is holy?



- 1 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5 v. 15 Have you ever wanted to "get some]ody back" because of what they did to you? What other things could you do instead of that to them?
- 2 2 Thessalonians Chapter 1 v. 11 Name a few things that your faith has prompted you to do. How could you continue to follow that prompting this week?
- 3 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2 v. 2 There have been many predicted dates by men for Jesus' return. How have you dealt with these predictions as a family?
- 4 2 Thessalonians Chapter 3 v. 10-12 Why do you think our work ethic is so important to God? How can you encourage godly work ethic as a family?
- 5 1 Timothy Chapter 1 v. 5-7 What kinds of discussions do you think would be "meaningless" to God? How could you avoid those types of talks this week?
- 6 1 Timothy Chapter 2 v. 9-10 What is our culture's standard of "okay" dress for girls? What do you think God's standard is and why does he care so much about how we dress?

- 7 1 Timothy Chapter 3 v. 2-7 Do you think all men in the church should aspire to these standards and not just those who desire to be an elder? Why?
- 8 1 Timothy Chapter 4 v. 12 Even though you may be young, in what ways could you be an example for others in the way you live, your love, your faith, and your purity?
- 9 1 Timothy Chapter 5 v. 8 Why is it so important to God that we care for our family? In what ways should we care for them?
- 10 1 Timothy Chapter 6 v. 6-10 Why is it important for us to be content with whatever we have? How can we love God and use money and not the other way around?
- 11 2 Timothy Chapter 1 v. 7 What things do you fear? God tells us to "fear not!" so what would help you to overcome those fears and instead be filled with God's power?
- 12 2 Timothy Chapter 2 v. 2 Who around you could you teach God's truths to this week?
- 13 2 Timothy Chapter 3 v. 1-5 This sounds a lot like today! Are there ungodly influences in your life that you need to stay away from?
- 14 2 Timothy Chapter 4 v. 7 Do you want to be able to say this at the end of your life? Then how could you live this out today?
- 15 Titus Chapter 1 v. 16 Po you know people who call themselves "Christian" but live nothing like how God calls us to live? How can we ourselves really live out our faith?
- 16 Titus Chapter 2 v. 4-5 No matter your age, you're called to teach those younger than you the things of God. Who could you be investing in this week in that way?
- 17 Titus Chapter 3 v. 14 What urgent need of someone you know could you meet this week? How could you go about doing that?
- 18 Philemon v. 14 Why do you help people? Is it because it's something you are forced or guilted into? What are the right reasons to help others?
- 19 Final Wisdom Psalm 1 v. 1-3 What do you love about the Lord's teachings, and how have you found strength from a relationship with the Lord?
- 20 Final Wisdom Psalm 23 Talk as a family about God's faithfulness when he has led you to rest in green pastures and when he has been with you through dark valleys.
- 21 Final Wisdom Psalm 40 v. 9-10 Talk about sharing with others about what God has done in your life. Brainstorm as a family certain people with whom you need to share the Good News, and talk about how you will do that in the near future.
- 22 Final Wisdom Psalm 46 What are some ways that your family can "be still" and adore God this week? Giving up a certain activity, having a family devotion/prayer time?
- 23 Final Wisdom Psalm 84 One day in the presence of the Lord is better than a thousand elsewhere. What excites you most about being in the kingdom and meeting the Almighty God?
- 24 Final Wisdom Psalm 100 Take turns sharing and thanking the Lord for all the blessings he has given you and your family. Sing a song to praise him together.
- 25 Final Wisdom Psalm 139 God knows everything and designed us perfectly. How does it feel to know He made you exactly the way he wanted you to be?
- 26 Final Wisdom Proverbs 1 v. 7 What does it mean to fear the Lord? Why would fools hate wisdom and discipline?
- 27 Final Wisdom Proverbs 2 v 3-4 Talk about desiring wisdom and understanding like we would search for silver. What can you do as a family to seek wisdom and understanding from God?
- 28 Final Wisdom Proverbs 3 Has there ever been a time in your life when you trusted the Lord with all your heart? How did He work in that situation?
- 29 Final Wisdom Proverbs 10 Discuss which of the mini-Proverbs in this chapter speaks most to each person in your family. Have each person rewrite their favorite one in their own words and post it where all can see it.
- 30 Final Wisdom Proverbs 11 v. 24 Pray and talk about what God may be asking you to give up to bless another person or family in need, and take steps to do that this week.
- 31 Final Wisdom Proverbs 16 v 2-3 Discuss what you can do as a family to serve the Lord together. Pray that He would guide your steps in that venture and direct you with each step to take.

