

4S/PREK AT HOME - MARCH



Hey families! Here's a look at what your kids are learning this month.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

— Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

MARCH 2ND

This week, your kids hear Jesus tell a story about **seeds** that land on **different soils**.

- **BIG IDEA:** We can grow with God.
- **BIBLE:** Matthew 13:1–23
- **ASK:**
 - Did the seeds in this story grow in the path, rocks, or thorns? *No.*
 - Where did the seeds grow? *The good soil.*
 - What things can help us grow closer to God? *Read the Bible, come to church, pray, worship, and love each other.*
- **CHALLENGE:** Plant a flower with your kids this week in a cup, pot, or in the ground. Then use that plant as a reminder to you and your kids that just as the plant grows, we can grow too in our relationship with God!

MARCH 9TH

This week, your kids hear Jesus share a story about **workers** who were **entrusted with different amounts of gold**.

- **BIG IDEA:** We can give back to God.
- **BIBLE:** Matthew 25:14–29
- **ASK:**
 - The first worker in Jesus' parable took the five bags of gold, and did he make more or less? *More! He made five more bags of gold.*
 - What about the worker who had two bags of gold? How many more bags did he make? *The second worker made two more bags of gold.*
 - What did the third worker do with his one bag of gold? *He dug a hole and buried it in the ground.*
 - What can we give back to God? *Everything! The gifts God has given us —things we have or things we love to do — we can use them for God.*

- ❑ **CHALLENGE:** Create a list with your kids of the ways your family can give back to others this week. Consider giving your kids the chance to do a random act of kindness like leaving a kind note, giving a gift to a stranger, or inviting your neighbor over for dinner.

MARCH 16TH

This week, your kids hear Jesus tell a story about a **Samaritan** who **helps a wounded man** when no one else did.

- ❑ **BIG IDEA:** With God, we can help others.
- ❑ **BIBLE:** Luke 10:25–37
- ❑ **ASK:**
 - **Did the first two people help the person who had been robbed and hurt?** *No.*
 - **Who stopped to help?** *The Samaritan.*
 - **Who are some people who help us?** *Family, teachers, friends, doctors, community helpers, pets.*
 - **How can we help others?**
- ❑ **CHALLENGE:** Dramatic play with your kid different occupations that help people – consider doctor, firefighter, police officer, sanitation worker, store clerk, teacher. Talk about how there are so many ways we can help others – by saving, rescuing, teaching, healing, encouraging, serving!

MARCH 23RD

This week, your kids hear Jesus share a story about what happens **when a house is built on rock** versus **sand**.

- ❑ **BIG IDEA:** God's words help make us strong.
- ❑ **BIBLE:** Luke 6:47-49, Matthew 7:24-27
- ❑ **ASK:**
 - **What kind of builders were in Jesus' parable today?** *A wise and foolish one.*
 - **What happened to the house built on rock?** *Stayed strong and firm.*
 - **What happened the house built on sand?** *Fell down to the ground.*
 - **What helps us to be strong?** *God's words!*
- ❑ **CHALLENGE:** Play Jenga with your kids. Talk about when the tower is the strongest versus when the tower is the weakest. Remind them that God helps us be strong. If you don't have Jenga, consider just building a tower with what you have and knocking it down together.

MARCH 30TH

This week, your kids hear Jesus tell a story about a **father's love** for his **lost son**.

- ❑ **BIG IDEA:** We belong in God's family.

- **BIBLE:** Luke 15:11-32
- **ASK:**
 - How many sons did the father in Jesus' parable have? *Two*
 - What happened to the younger son while he was away? *He spent all his money. He got a job feeding pigs.*
 - When the dad saw his lost son coming home, what did he do? *He ran to him, hugged and kissed him, and celebrated his return with a party.*
- **CHALLENGE:** Write down the names of family members and put them in a hat. Draw a name out and then draw a picture of them. Talk about who they are in your family, why you love them so much, your favorite thing about them, and your favorite thing to do with them.