

Hey families! Here's a look at what your kid is learning this month.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

— Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

MAY 4TH

This week, kids learn about how *Saul* became a *follower of Jesus*.

- **BIG IDEA:** We can follow Jesus.
- **BIBLE:** Acts 9:1–20
- **ASK:**
 - *What did Jesus ask Saul? How do you think Saul felt when he heard that question? "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" (Possible answers: Saul probably felt afraid. He might have thought Jesus would punish him for what he was doing. Maybe he didn't know if the voice was real.)*
 - *How did Ananias feel when God first told him to go to Saul? Why did Ananias go anyway? Ananias was afraid because he had heard about all that Saul had done. He went because he trusted God and wanted to follow Jesus.*
 - *What is one way you can follow Jesus this week?*
 - *What might make it hard for you to follow Jesus?*
 - *Who is someone who can help you follow Jesus?*
- **CHALLENGE:** Show your kids pictures of different leaders fictional and nonfictional (ex: Martin Luther King Jr., Adolf Hitler, Abraham Lincoln, the Pope, Iron Man, Katniss Everdeen, Harry Potter, Moana). Talk about what makes these people good leaders and bad leaders. Remind your kids that bad leaders encourage us to do things that we shouldn't do and lead us into sin and destruction. Good leaders like Jesus encourage us to love God and love others! Talk with your kid and ask them why Jesus is the best leader we can follow.

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This week, kids learn about how *Peter prayed for a woman* to come back to life.

- **BIG IDEA:** We can pray for others.
- **BIBLE:** Acts 9:36–43
- **ASK:**
 - *What are some things Tabitha did for her community? She was always doing good and helping the poor. She made robes and other clothing for people.*
 - *Why do you think the disciples called for Peter even though Tabitha was already dead? Possible answers: They wanted him to grieve with them. They wanted him to comfort them. They were hoping for a miracle.*
 - *Read James 5:15. How does this verse describe the prayer of a righteous person? It is powerful and effective.*
 - *How do you usually pray? What could you do to talk to God more throughout the day?*
 - *Who is someone you want to pray for this week?*
 - *If God already knows everything that we need, why do you think we should pray anyway?*
- **CHALLENGE:** Each person in your family pick someone you want to pray for this week. Then every night before bed, do a family prayer where you each pray for the persons you picked! Don't want to do people? Try places instead!

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This week, kids learn about how *God spoke to Cornelius and Peter* to show that *everyone is welcome* to follow Jesus.

- **BIG IDEA:** We can love like Jesus does.
- **BIBLE:** Acts 10:1–8; 11:1–18
- **ASK:**
 - *Why might people like Peter not have been friends with Cornelius? Cornelius was a Gentile and a centurion who worked for the Roman government.*
 - *What vision did God give Peter? What did the vision mean? Peter was invited to eat foods he used to think were "unclean." God was showing him that everyone was invited to know God.*
 - *Read John 13:34. How does Jesus want us to love one another? The way Jesus loves us.*
 - *What are some ways people show they love you?*
 - *What are some ways you show others you love them?*
 - *Who is someone you can show God's love to this week whom you haven't before?*
- **CHALLENGE:** Loving others can take so many different forms. Consider each day adding a new note to your kids' door with something that you love about them! Or consider doing a random act of kindness as a family! Or as a family choose how you might be able to serve another family or person this week!

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This week, kids learn about how **Paul** shared the good news and **Lydia** decided to follow Jesus.

- **BIG IDEA:** We can share the good news.
- **BIBLE:** Acts 16:6–15
- **ASK:**
 - *What prompted Paul to go to Macedonia? God told him to go in a dream.*
 - *What did Lydia do after she received the good news Paul and friends shared with her? She persuaded them to stay at her home because she was so thankful she had received the good news about Jesus.*
 - *Read Matthew 28:20. What promise does Jesus give at the end of this passage? Why is this good news to you? That he will be with us always.*
 - *What is the good news?*
 - *Who are some people you can tell this good news to?*
 - *Can you share the good news without using words? How?*
- **CHALLENGE:** Look up tongue twisters with your kids. Then together try to say them in a whisper, in a shout, really slowly, and really fast! Talk about how sharing a tongue twister can be hard, then talk about how it can be challenging to share the good news of Jesus too. Ask your kids what makes it difficult for them. Consider as a family ways you can share the good news together.