

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

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart." Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NIV)

## AUGUST 3RD

This week, kids learn about how much God's people are loved through the prophet **Hosea**.

- ☐ **BIG IDEA:** God's love is timeless.
- ☐ **BIBLE:** Hosea 11:1–11
- ☐ **ASK:**
  - **Who was Hosea, and what was his job?** *Hosea was a prophet who delivered messages from God to the people.*
  - **What did Hosea 11:1-4 say God's love is like?** *God's love for Israel was like a loving parent or caretaker who teaches their child to walk and hugs them against their cheek.*
  - **What was God's message to the people through Hosea?** *God would continue to love them no matter what.*
  - **Why do you think God spoke through prophets? How might God speak to us today?**
  - **Think about a time in your life when you experienced God's love. What do you feel when you think about that time?**
  - **Looking back, how do you know that you were experiencing God's love?**
  - **What is one way you can share God's love with someone this week?**
- ☐ **CHALLENGE:** Challenge your kids to see if they know how long time truly is. Tell them you will start a timer and see if they can tell you when to stop and see how close they can get to your goal. Start with 5 seconds, then 10 seconds, 30 seconds, and if you think they can try 1 minute! Remind them that although we can count time, God's love is never-ending – it is timeless!

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## AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

This week, kids hear God's message to the prophet **Isaiah** about how to worship.

- ☐ **BIG IDEA:** We can seek God any time.
- ☐ **BIBLE:** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
- ☐ **ASK:**
  - Who was Isaiah and what was his job? *Isaiah/Prophet*
  - What is a prophet? *Someone who delivers a message from God to the people.*
  - What was God's message to the people through Isaiah? *Seek God with the right heart instead of offering meaningless worship.*
  - What did God want the people's worship to include, more than just rituals and offerings? *"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed" (Isaiah 1:17).*
  - What does "seeking God" mean to you?
  - Where is one place you normally don't seek God? How could you start?
- ☐ **CHALLENGE:** Carve out time this week to seek God as a family this week. Consider starting a family devotional, a time of worship, or Bible video series together. Show your kids that you can seek God in your lives at any time!
- ☐ **CHALLENGE #2:** When your kid brings up a problem to you, encourage them to seek God immediately right in that moment. For example, you could say "Wow that sounds hard for you! Can we talk to God about this right now?"

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## AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

This week, kids learn about how God shows us what is good in a message to the prophet **Micah**.

- ☐ **BIG IDEA:** God is good all the time.
- ☐ **BIBLE:** Micah 6:1–8
- ☐ **ASK:**
  - Who was Micah and what was his job? *Micah was a prophet.*
  - What does a prophet do? *They hear messages from God and share them with the people.*
  - What is one way God reminded the people of God's goodness? *God had rescued the people from Egypt where they had been captives.*
  - What was God's message to the people through Micah? *To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.*
  - How has God been good in your life?
  - How have you seen God be good to others?
  - What are some things you can do this week "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"?
- ☐ **CHALLENGE:** Make a list as a family of ways God has been good to your family! Post it somewhere in your house and each day choose something off your list to pray about and thank God for how he has shown you his goodness!

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## AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

This week, kids learn about how God spoke to the prophet **Jeremiah** at the potter's house.

- ☐ **BIG IDEA:** God takes the time to forgive.
- ☐ **BIBLE:** Jeremiah 18:1–10
- ☐ **ASK:**
  - Who was Jeremiah and what was his job? *Jeremiah was a prophet who delivered messages from God to the people.*
  - Where did God send Jeremiah? *To a potter's house to see a potter at the wheel with marred clay.*
  - What was God's message to the people through Jeremiah? *God would forgive the people even though they turned away from God's words.*
  - What do you think it means to be like clay in God's hands?
  - How do you know God forgives you?
  - Can you think of a time you had to forgive someone else? Or someone else had to forgive you? How did that make you feel?
- ☐ **CHALLENGE:** Consider making a clay project this week together as a family. You can use Model Magic or air dry clay. As you build and form your projects, ask your kids how they think God is shaping them in their lives right now!

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## AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>

This week, kids learn about God's message to the prophet **Ezekiel** at the valley of dry bones.

- ☐ **BIG IDEA:** God is with us at all times.
- ☐ **BIBLE:** Ezekiel 37:1–14
- ☐ **ASK:**
  - Who was Ezekiel and what was his job? *Ezekiel was a prophet who delivered God's messages to the people.*
  - What was in the valley that God showed Ezekiel? What did God tell Ezekiel to do there? *Dry bones. God told Ezekiel to command the bones to come to life.*
  - What was God's message to the people through Ezekiel? *God would be with them at all times and give them new life.*
  - What are ways we can remind ourselves that God is with us at all times?
  - Where do you need God's help most right now?
  - How might you be "God's hands" to someone who needs to know God is with them?
- ☐ **CHALLENGE:** Make a bracelet, necklace, backpack tag, key chain or something else with your kid that they can carry with them! Pray over your item together and that they would never forget that God is with them at all times.