

The Foundation of Scripture

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

STUDY TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16; 2 PETER 1:20–21

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

BIG IDEA 1: Scripture Claims to Be the Word of God (Hebrews 1:1; Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:5–6)

Live It Out: Recognize Scripture as God's Word and intentionally prioritize it in your daily decisions this week.

- *What makes the Bible different from every other book ever written? Why does it matter whether the Bible truly comes from God?*
- *What voices or influences compete with Scripture for authority in people's lives today?*

Live It Out: Identify one area of life where you need to submit more fully to the authority of Scripture.

- *What evidence or truth most strengthens your confidence that the Bible is the Word of God?*
- *How does Jesus' view of Scripture shape the way Christians should approach the Bible today?*

BIG IDEA 2: Scripture Is Breathed Out by God (2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Live It Out: Recognize that Scripture comes from God and approach His Word with greater trust, reverence, and obedience this week.

- *What does it mean that Scripture is "God-breathed"?*
- *Why is it important that God worked through human authors while guiding the writing of Scripture?*
- *How does understanding Scripture's divine source affect the way believers should approach the Bible?*
- *What dangers arise when people treat Scripture as merely human opinion?*

BIG IDEA 3: The Holy Spirit Guided the Writing of Scripture (2 Peter 1:20–21)

Live It Out: Spend time this week reading Scripture with confidence that the Holy Spirit faithfully revealed God's truth.

- *Why does fulfilled prophecy strengthen confidence in the truthfulness of Scripture?*
- *How does understanding the Holy Spirit's role in Scripture affect the way believers read the Bible?*

Live It Out: Identify one area where you need to trust and follow Scripture more fully in your daily life.

- *How should confidence in the trustworthiness of Scripture affect the way believers live?*
- *Why does it matter that Christians believe the Bible is truthful in all that it affirms?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Hebrews 4:12

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Who is the author of the Bible?*
2. *How is the Bible different from other books you can read?*
3. *How can knowing God's Word help guard you against false teachings?*
4. *Who is someone you can share 2 Timothy 3:16a with?*

Everyday Extras

Use LEGO® bricks, cardboard blocks, or even soup cans to build two structures, one on a solid surface (table, floor, or ground) and the other on an unstable surface (pillow or cushion). Gently tap both to see how each one holds up. Relate the placing of the object on a strong foundation to the strong foundation we build when learning and trusting God's Word. Talk about the importance of believing the Bible is God's inerrant (free from error) Word. Follow up by learning 2 Timothy 3:16 together as a family.

Stand Strong

Why should I trust the Bible?

The Bible is trustworthy because it is God's Word, given to guide us in truth. Its message is consistent from beginning to end and is supported by history, fulfilled prophecy, and real-life transformation. More than just a book, it reveals who God is and how we can know Him. Because it comes from God, we can build our lives on it with confidence.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Psalm 119:160

Preschool Highlights

Today your child began learning **The Bible Is God's Word**. It is a special letter from God to us. The Bible teaches us that all Scripture comes from God (2 Timothy 3:16). *Scripture* is a big word that means the verses in the Bible. God chose different people to write down what He wanted us to know. When we read the Bible, we learn who God is and how much He loves us.



Generational discipleship involves sharing the faith with others within your sphere of influence. Paul's relationship with the Thessalonians created opportunities to teach, encourage, and strengthen them in God's Word.

How Did We Get the Bible?

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

STUDY TEXT: PSALM 119:89; ACTS 2:6–8

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

BIG IDEA 1: The People of God Treasure the Word of God (Job 23:11–12)

Live It Out: Treasure God's Word by reading it, studying it, and trusting it.

- *Why was preserving and studying Scripture so important to God's people throughout history?*
- *How does Jesus' use of the Old Testament strengthen confidence in the Hebrew Scriptures?*

Live It Out: Approach Scripture with confidence, knowing God faithfully preserved His Word through generations of believers.

- *Why would the early Christians consider the writings of the apostles as authoritative?*
- *Why is it important to understand that the church recognized Scripture rather than creating it?*

BIG IDEA 2: God Has Assured Us His Word Will Endure (Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; Mark 13:31)

Live It Out: Rely on the unchanging Word of God as the trustworthy guide for your life.

- *What is the significance of having such an abundance of manuscripts of the biblical text?*
- *What does the preservation of Scripture across centuries reveal about God's character?*

Live It Out: Trust that God has faithfully preserved His truth, even when critics question the reliability of Scripture.

- *Some critics will use textual variations to question the reliability of Scripture. Why should textual variations not undermine a believer's confidence in Scripture?*
- *How should confidence in the truthfulness and preservation of Scripture shape the way Christians live today?*

BIG IDEA 3: God Communicates His Word in the Language of the People (Mark 15:34–35; Acts 2:6–8)

Live It Out: Help others understand God's Word by supporting efforts to make Scripture available in every heart language.

- *Why is it important for people to have the Bible in their heart language?*
- *What does Pentecost reveal about God's desire for people from every culture and language to hear His truth?*
- *What can Christians do to help make the Bible more understandable and accessible to others?*
- *What can Christians do to help younger generations better understand and engage with God's Word?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Hebrews 4:12

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Does God's Word change?*
2. *Why did God give and preserve His Word? (so that we can know, trust, and grow closer to Him)*
3. *What are some steps we can take as a family to treasure God's Word more?*

Everyday Extras

Hide a Bible in your home and then gather everyone together. Explain they are going on a treasure hunt, and the treasure is the Bible (give specifics as to which Bible they are searching for). Afterward, talk about why people look for treasure and what makes something valuable. Remind family members the Bible is a special treasure from God to us.

Stand Strong

Was the Bible changed or corrupted over time?

No, the Bible has been carefully preserved through thousands of manuscripts that agree with one another in remarkable ways. While translations may differ slightly in wording, the meaning and message have remained the same. God has faithfully protected His Word throughout history. We can trust that the Bible we read today accurately reflects what was originally written.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned the Bible is a very special book. One of the people God used to write His words was a man named Paul. He wrote letters to people and churches to help us learn and grow our faith. We can read Paul's letters in the Bible and learn from it and grow our faith. We can share what we learn with those around us. We can tell others

The Bible Is God's Word.



Passing the faith to the next generation involves helping them understand, trust, and engage with God's Word in ways they can clearly understand.

Who Is God?

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

STUDY TEXT: GENESIS 1:1; ROMANS 1:19–20

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

BIG IDEA 1: Creation Points to a Creator (Genesis 1:1)

Live It Out: Be confident in God's existence as you consider the wonder and complexity of life and creation.

- *How does the First Cause Argument help explain why the universe points to a Creator? (Everything that begins to exist must have a cause, and the God of the Bible is the best explanation for that cause.)*
- *What questions naturally arise when we think about where everything came from?*
- *How does Genesis 1:1 help answer those questions?*
- *How does understanding God as eternal shape the way you think about Him?*

BIG IDEA 2: Design Points to a Designer (Romans 1:19–20; Psalm 19:1)

Live It Out: As you observe the world around you, take time to notice specific examples of design in creation. Let them remind you of God's power and presence.

- *What are some examples of design in the world that stand out to you?*
- *How do these examples point beyond themselves to a Creator?*

Live It Out: Let the beauty and order of creation lead you to worship God as the Designer and Sustainer of all things.

- *How does Psalm 19:1 deepen your understanding of what creation reveals about God?*
- *In what ways does recognizing God as the Designer lead to worship and gratitude?*

BIG IDEA 3: Our Sense of Right and Wrong Points to a Righteous God (Romans 2:12–15; Hebrews 10:16)

Live It Out: Notice moments of fairness and injustice this week and let them point to the reality of a righteous God who has set a standard for all people.

- *Why do people across different cultures often agree on certain moral truths?*
- *What challenges would arise if morality were based only on personal or cultural opinions?*

Live It Out: Consider how our shared awareness of right and wrong points to God as the ultimate standard, and look for opportunities to share that truth with others.

- *What does our shared sense of right and wrong suggest about where morality comes from?*

- What is the difference between simply trying to be a moral person and living in response to God as the ultimate standard of right and wrong?

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Hebrews 4:12

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. Why is it important to your faith to know and believe God is real?
2. How can looking at nature and the stars in the sky help you appreciate God's awesomeness?
3. Why is God's way better than us (humans) choosing what is right and what is wrong?

Everyday Extras

On a clear night, go outside and look at the stars. If you have a smartphone, download a stargazing app. Share some facts about stars with your family. A person with good eyesight can see as many as 6000 stars. The sun is the brightest and biggest star. Stars are different colors depending on their temperature. Blue stars are the hottest and red ones are the coolest (but still very hot). Stars are grouped in clusters called constellations. Thank God for not only creating the stars, but also your family.

Stand Strong

How can we know God is real if we can't see Him?

We can know God is real because He has made Himself known through Creation, His Word, His Son, and His work in our lives. The design and order of the world point to a Creator, and the Bible reveals His character and truth. People throughout history have experienced His presence and power. Even though we cannot see Him, we can clearly see the evidence of who He is.

Scripture: Romans 1:20; Hebrews 1:1-3; 11:6

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned the Bible teaches us the things God wants us to know. **The Bible Is God's Word** and teaches us to love and trust Him and know we are His special creation. It helps us know God wants us to get along with others, be patient, be quick to listen, and slow to speak and anger. God wants us to live out in our daily lives what we learn in the Bible.



Deuteronomy 6:5-7 informs us that parents are responsible for teaching their children who God is and what He has done. If families do not intentionally teach a biblical view of God, culture will fill the gap with its own version. Passing down truth requires consistent, everyday conversations rooted in God's Word.

Who Is Jesus?

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

STUDY TEXT: MATTHEW 27:45–28:10

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

BIG IDEA 1: Jesus Is the Promised Messiah Who Is Fully God and Fully Man (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6–7; Luke 2:25–32)

Live It Out: Trust that God keeps His promises by looking to Jesus, the Savior He sent.

- *What do these prophecies teach us about who Jesus is?*
- *How do these fulfilled prophecies show us that we can trust what the Bible says about Jesus?*

Live It Out: Respond to who Jesus is by trusting Him and following Him as Lord in your everyday life.

- *How does understanding that Jesus is both fully God and fully man shape the way you relate to Him?*
- *What does it look like to trust Jesus as Lord in your everyday life?*

BIG IDEA 2: Jesus Died and Rose Again to Defeat Sin and Death (Matthew 27:45–28:10)

Live It Out: Take time to reflect on what Jesus endured on the cross and what His sacrifice means for you.

- *What difference does it make to know that Jesus' death was part of God's plan and not an accident?*
- *What stands out to you most about what Jesus endured on the cross?*

Live It Out: Live in the hope and freedom that come from knowing Jesus has defeated sin and death.

- *What does Jesus' resurrection show us about who He is?*
- *How does knowing Jesus has defeated sin and death change the way you live today?*

BIG IDEA 3: Jesus Is the Only Way to God (John 14:6; Romans 3:23–24; Galatians 2:16)

Live It Out: Take time to consider what Jesus claims about Himself and what that means for you.

- *Why do you think Jesus' claim to be the only way to God can be difficult for people to accept?*
- *What makes Jesus trustworthy when He says He is the only way to God?*

Live It Out: Respond to the good news of the gospel by trusting in Jesus and resting in what He has done for you.

- *Why is it important to understand that we cannot earn our way to God?*

- What does it look like to trust Jesus instead of relying on our own efforts?

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Hebrews 4:12

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. How would you explain who Jesus is to someone who didn't know about Him?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is 100% God and 100% human?
3. How is believing Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God and eternal life in Heaven so important to your faith?

Everyday Extras

Read John 1:1 together as a family. This verse is extremely important for an understanding of Jesus' relationship with God and the Trinity. Ping-Pong the words of the verse at dinner, say it together when you wake up and go to bed, or challenge a family member to say it when stopped at a traffic light before the light changes to green.

Stand Strong

Was Jesus just a good teacher, or is He really God?

Jesus was far more than a good teacher—He claimed to be God and proved it through His life, miracles, and resurrection. He forgave sins, fulfilled prophecy, and rose from the dead, showing His authority over sin and death. A good teacher would not make false claims about being God. The evidence points clearly to Jesus as the Son of God and Savior.

Scripture: John 14:6; Colossians 1:15; 2:9

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned God's Word, the Bible, is for everyone. God gave His Word for everyone in every country. We are to learn God's Word and share it with other people so they will know about God and His love for them. We are also to live out God's Word so others will see Him in our words and actions.



What we believe about Jesus must be intentionally taught and modeled at home and in the church. As the next generation hears and sees who He is and what He has done, they learn that following Him shapes every part of life.

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

OCTOBER 4, 2026

STUDY TEXT: JOHN 14:16–26; ACTS 2:1–4

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

BIG IDEA 1: The Holy Spirit Is God and Has Been Present and Active From the Beginning of Creation (Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 139:7–10)

Live It Out: Recognize and reflect on who the Holy Spirit truly is.

- *Why is it important that the Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity and not separate from God?*
- *What difference does it make that the same Spirit present at Creation is still at work today?*

Live It Out: Reflect on the reality of the Holy Spirit's constant presence.

- *What does Psalm 139 teach us about the Holy Spirit's presence in every part of our lives?*
- *In what ways can remembering God's constant presence bring both comfort and conviction?*

BIG IDEA 2: The Holy Spirit Dwells in Every Believer (John 14:16–17; Acts 2:1–4; 1 Corinthians 6:19)

Live It Out: Consider what changed when the Holy Spirit was given to all believers at Pentecost.

- *Why is it significant that the Holy Spirit now dwells in every believer, not just a select few?*
- *What does this change reveal about God's desire for a personal relationship with us?*

Live It Out: Reflect on what it means that the Holy Spirit lives within every believer.

- *How does knowing that the Holy Spirit lives within you affect how you view your daily life?*
- *In what ways could remembering the Holy Spirit's presence shape your choices or priorities this week?*

BIG IDEA 3: The Holy Spirit Helps Us Know and Follow Jesus (John 14:26; 15:26)

Live It Out: Pay attention to how the Holy Spirit helps you know and understand Jesus.

- *What are some ways the Holy Spirit helps us better understand God's truth?*
- *How can we become more receptive to the Spirit's work in helping us know Jesus?*

Live It Out: Respond to the Holy Spirit's work in your life this week.

- *How have you seen the fruit of the Spirit growing in your life over time?*
- *How has the Holy Spirit been working in your life recently to make you more like Jesus?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Colossians 2:6-7

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *What are some ways the Holy Spirit helps you?*
2. *What would you tell a friend who asked, "Who is the Holy Spirit?"*
3. *Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit nudging you to do something? How did you respond?*

Everyday Extras

Fill an empty plastic water bottle with vinegar. Add a few teaspoons of baking soda into the balloon. Stretch the balloon's neck with your fingers or use a funnel to get the baking soda in the balloon. Place the opening of the balloon over the top of the water bottle filled with vinegar. (Don't pour the baking soda in yet.) Once the balloon is securely attached, pick the balloon up and dump in the baking soda, making sure all of it falls in the bottle. Watch what happens to the balloon. Explain that a chemical reaction released carbon dioxide to cause the balloon to change and explode. Discuss how as believers, we have the Holy Spirit in us, and He changes us.

Stand Strong

Why is the Holy Spirit important for believers?

The Holy Spirit is God's presence living within every believer. He teaches us truth, guides our decisions, and helps us grow to be more like Jesus. He also gives us strength to obey God and live out our faith each day. Without the Holy Spirit, we would not be able to live the Christian life as God intends.

Scripture: John 14:26; Galatians 5:22-23

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned Jesus teaches us to be loving toward others. We show love through our words and actions, and Jesus is our best example of how to love. When we read the Bible, come to church, and talk to Jesus, we learn about His love for us and how we are to love others. Your child began learning the Heartprint: **I Can Learn From Jesus** and he or she learned to love others like He does.



Parents may sometimes feel inadequate or unsure of how to lead their children spiritually, but they are not alone. As parents spend time in God's Word and rely on the Spirit's help, they can trust the Holy Spirit to give them wisdom, understanding, and the words to share truth with their children. Discipleship in the home is not about having all the answers, but about faithfully depending on the Holy Spirit and pointing the next generation to Christ.

What Is Discipleship?

OCTOBER 11, 2026

STUDY TEXT: MARK 1:14–20

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

BIG IDEA 1: Following Jesus Requires Surrender, Trust, and Daily Obedience (Mark 1:14–17a)

Live It Out: Identify an area of your life where following Jesus requires deeper trust or surrender. Ask God to help you follow Him more fully.

- *Why do you think Jesus called ordinary people to follow Him?*
- *What makes surrender difficult when following Christ?*

Live It Out: Follow Jesus more intentionally in everyday life this week through your words, attitudes, relationships, or decisions.

- *How would you explain the difference between believing in Jesus and truly following Him?*
- *What are some ways following Jesus should shape everyday decisions and relationships?*

BIG IDEA 2: Spiritual Growth Happens Intentionally Through a Relationship With Christ (Mark 1:18–20)

Live It Out: Choose one intentional step that can help you grow spiritually this week. Spend additional time in Scripture, strengthen a prayer habit, connect with a mentor, or encourage another believer in his or her faith journey.

- *Why does spiritual growth require intentionality rather than passive belief?*
- *Which spiritual habits most help believers grow in their relationship with Christ?*
- *Why is spiritual community important for continued growth as a disciple?*
- *How can discipleship become more than a once-a-week activity?*

BIG IDEA 3: Healthy Disciples Help Others Follow Jesus and Grow in Their Faith (Mark 1:17b)

Live It Out: Identify one person God may be inviting you to influence spiritually. It could be a family member, coworker, classmate, neighbor, or fellow church member. Pray for that person this week and look for one practical opportunity to encourage, serve, or invest in that person's faith journey.

- *Why do you think Jesus connected discipleship with influencing others?*

- *What differences do you see between the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the way discipleship is often practiced today?*
- *How can believers influence others without pretending to be perfect?*
- *What are some practical ways believers can intentionally invest in others spiritually?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Colossians 2:6–7

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Why do you think Jesus chose ordinary people to be His disciples instead of more religious or powerful people?*
2. *Why is obedience an important part of being a disciple?*
3. *Why is growing your discipleship journey with Jesus so important to your faith?*

Everyday Extras

Use construction paper, markers, crayons, and other decorative items to create pictures to hang around your house as a reminder to love God with all your heart, soul, and strength. Write Deuteronomy 6:5–6 on pieces of construction paper for younger family members and let them decorate around the verses. Let older family members write the verses and decorate around it. As family members are working on the pictures, talk about ways they can love God with their heart, soul, and strength in their everyday lives. Make additional pictures to share God's Word with others.

Stand Strong

What does it look like to be a disciple of Jesus?

Being a disciple of Jesus means learning about Him and following Him with your whole life. It includes learning from His Word, obeying His commands, and becoming more like Him in your thoughts and actions. Discipleship is not just a one-time decision—it is a daily commitment to walk with Jesus. It also means helping others know and follow Him.

Scripture: Luke 9:23; Matthew 11:29; 28:19–20

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned Matthew 7:12 teaches us to treat others the way we want to be treated and that includes being kind. Jesus gave us an example of kindness when He met the Samaritan woman. He showed her kindness through His words and actions when no one else did. **I Can Learn From Jesus** to be kind to others like He was.



Discipleship was never meant to be limited to the church building or a weekly Bible study. God designed faith to be lived out and passed down within the home (Deuteronomy 6:6–7). Parents, grandparents, and families play a vital role in helping the next generation follow Jesus daily through conversations, prayer, encouragement, and consistent example. The home is often the first and most influential place where discipleship begins.

What Good Is Christianity?

OCTOBER 18, 2026

STUDY TEXT: JOHN 14:6; LUKE 6:43-44

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

Big Idea 1: Christianity Provides the Foundation for Truth About Reality (Romans 1:18-20; Isaiah 1:18)

Live It Out: Recognize that Christianity provides a reliable foundation for truth, helping people understand reality and live with clarity and confidence.

- *Why does it matter that truth is rooted in God rather than personal opinion or culture?*
- *How does confusion about truth affect the way people make decisions or live their lives?*

Live It Out: Be prepared to explain how Christianity not only claims truth but has shaped the world in meaningful and lasting ways.

- *How has Christianity's view of truth influenced areas like science, education, and culture?*
- *Why does it matter that Christianity encourages both faith and reason?*

Big Idea 2: Christianity Provides the Foundation for Goodness and Righteous Living (Psalm 34:8; Romans 2:14-15)

Live It Out: Recognize that God's standard of right and wrong provides a foundation for how people live, make decisions, and relate to one another.

- *Why is it important for people and societies to have a shared understanding of right and wrong? What does Romans 2:15 tell us about that shared understanding?*
- *How does God's standard of goodness shape the way people treat one another in everyday life?*

Live It Out: Reflect the goodness of Christ by intentionally showing compassion, justice, and care to others.

- *What would everyday life look like if the moral teachings of Jesus were ignored or removed from society? How does this show us that God's ways are best?*
- *As Christians, what is our responsibility when it comes to reflecting God's goodness and responding to injustice?*

Big Idea 3: Christianity Provides the Foundation for Beauty and a Beautiful Life (Psalm 27:4; John 10:10)

Live It Out: Recognize that true beauty is rooted in God and shapes how we understand meaning, purpose, and the fullness of life.

- *What are some examples of beauty in the world that point beyond themselves to something greater? Why are people drawn to beauty, meaning, and purpose in life?*

- How does a biblical understanding of beauty differ from the idea that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder”?

Live It Out: Pursue a beautiful life by reflecting Christ’s character in your attitudes, actions, and relationships.

- How does following Jesus reshape what we see as meaningful or fulfilling in life?
- What is one practical way you can bring beauty, hope, or restoration into someone’s life this week?

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Colossians 2:6–7

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. What does it mean to be a Christian? (someone who believes in Jesus, loves Him, and wants to live God’s way)
2. How is Christianity more than just going to church and knowing Bible stories?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:5–6 as a family. How can we encourage one another to love God more each day?

Everyday Extras

While in the car or on a walk, play a game called “Truth or Trouble?” Take turns naming different choices or attitudes and decide if they follow God’s truth or not. Examples include lying to keep from getting into trouble, sharing with others, forgiving someone, being selfish, encouraging a friend, or saying hurtful words. After each example, discuss how following Jesus helps us make wise choices. Remind your child that God’s Word teaches us how to live wisely and lovingly and encourage him or her to learn verses to help do so. Pray with your child that your family members would trust God’s truth and live it out every day.

Stand Strong

How does Christianity make a difference in our lives?

Christianity changes our lives by giving us a new identity and a new purpose. Through Jesus, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. Our relationship with God brings peace, hope, and direction in every season of life. As we follow Him, our lives begin to reflect His love and truth to others.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 10:10

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned Jesus teaches us to forgive others. Forgiveness isn’t always easy, but Jesus is our best example to follow. He gave His life so our sins (the things we think, say, and do that go against God’s way) would be forgiven and we could be with Him in Heaven one day. **I Can Learn From Jesus** to forgive others because He forgave me.



As you encounter “as you go” moments, help your children recognize God’s truth, goodness, and beauty in the world around them. Point out moments of kindness, justice, and beauty, and connect them to God’s character. These conversations help children see that faith is not just something we believe, but something that shapes how we live.

How to Study and Live Out the Bible

OCTOBER 25, 2026

STUDY TEXT: PSALM 119:1-42

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

Big Idea 1: Consistent Engagement With God's Word Leads to Understanding (Psalm 119:1-16)

Live It Out: Engage with God's Word consistently this week. Aim for four or more times and explore different ways of interacting with Scripture.

- *What is your go-to method of engaging with the Bible? Why does it work for you?*
- *Which form of Bible engagement—reading, listening, memorizing, or discussing—would you like to grow in?*
- *What are some common obstacles that keep people from engaging with Scripture regularly? How can those be overcome?*
- *What difference might it make in your life to engage with Scripture four or more times each week?*

Big Idea 2: Healthy Curiosity in God's Word Leads to Deeper Understanding and Growth (Psalm 119:17-18)

Live It Out: Take time this week to pause during your Bible reading and ask questions that help you understand, apply, and respond to God's Word.

- *Of all the topics or events in Scripture, which ones make you most curious? Why?*
- *What are some helpful questions you can ask as you study the Bible to better understand and apply it?*
- *Many Christians express concerns when people ask hard questions about the Bible. Do you see this as a crisis of faith or an opportunity for God's Word to prove itself?*
- *How might asking more questions during your Bible study change the way you understand and apply God's Word?*

Big Idea 3: Genuine Fellowship in God's Word Leads to Growth and Faithfulness (Psalm 119:19-42)

Live It Out: Share something you have learned from God's Word with another believer this week, and invite them to share what they are learning as well.

- *What are some benefits you have experienced in studying God's Word with other Christians?*
- *Name a few people who have invested in you spiritually. How has their encouragement or teaching helped you grow in your understanding of God's Word?*
- *What is one way you can encourage or support another believer in their walk with God this week?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Colossians 2:6-7

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Why is it important to be in God's Word every day?*
2. *Why does God tell us to not just know what His Word says, but to live it out?*
3. *What is one thing God is teaching our family through His Word? How can we put it into practice this week?*

Everyday Extras

As a family, read James 1:22 or another short Bible passage. Talk about one thing God is trying to teach you. Remember to keep it simple and specific. Create a plan to live out what you've learned from God's Word. Pray and ask God for help in living out His Word. Later this week, have a family member check-in to see how everyone is doing in living out what they've learned from God's Word. Be encouraging and pray and ask God to continue to help you follow His way.

Stand Strong

Does the Bible still apply to life today?

The Bible is just as relevant today as when it was written. God's truth does not change, and His Word speaks to every area of life. It gives wisdom for decisions, guidance for relationships, and direction for daily living. When we apply the Bible, it transforms how we think, live, and grow.

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12; James 1:22

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned Jesus teaches us to care for others. He cared for others when He miraculously turned two fish and five loaves of bread into enough food for over 5000 people to eat with 12 baskets of food left over. Only Jesus can do miracles like that, but we can still show our care for others with our words and actions. **I Can Learn From Jesus** to be caring.



God never intended for His Word to be learned only in isolation. Parents are called to lead the way by engaging Scripture personally and sharing it within the home. As you study the Bible, invite your children into the process. Ask questions together, discuss what you're learning, and model what it looks like to follow God's Word. Spiritual growth happens best when families pursue God together in everyday moments.