**PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN 9:30 SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK: God Gives wisdom (mARCH 18TH)

**Solomon Asks for Wisdom**

1 Kings 2—3

God appears to King Solomon in a dream and encourages Solomon to ask for anything he wants. Solomon asks for wisdom.

WHERE WE ARE HEADED NEXT TIME: God is powerful (March 25th)

**Elisha’s Miracles**

2 Kings 4:1–7, 38–44

God works through Elisha in powerful ways to provide for His people.

**REMEMBER VERSE**

Our Remember Verse for Lessons 7-9 is Psalm 100:5a.

“For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.”

Psalm 100:5a

You can help your child memorize this verse by working on it at home. Write it on an index card and tape it to a bathroom mirror where your child can see it every day.

**CONNECT AS A FAMILY**

One night at dinnertime, place a few empty jars or cups, a container of oil, and a roll or small loaf of bread on the table. Read **2 Kings 4:1–7** together. Pour oil into the empty jars or cups until the oil is gone, and then talk about what just happened in the Scripture passage. Now read verses **38–41**. Discuss the miracle in these verses. Finally, read verses **42–44**. Hold up the roll or loaf of bread and ask your children if they think 20 small loaves of bread could feed 100 hungry people. All of these miracles happened because God is powerful!

**TABLE TALK**

After reading **2 Kings 4:1-7, 38-41, and 42-44,** discuss these questions together:

• What does God have the power to do?

• How did God use His power to help people we read about today?

• How has God blessed you and provided for you through His power?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God as trustworthy into your everyday life as a family.

**1ST THROUGH 6TH GRADE (9:30 SUNDAY CELEBRATION)**

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK: GOD IS IN CONTROL (March 18th)

**Esther**

Esther 1—10

God protected His people by working through Esther.

WHERE WE ARE HEADED NEXT TIME: God redeems (March 25th)

**Nehemiah**

Nehemiah 1—4; 6—9

Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem to build a wall around the city.

**REMEMBER VERSE**

Our Remember Verse for Lessons 10-12 is Proverbs 19:21.

**“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”**

Proverbs 19:21

You can help your child memorize this verse. Recite it with them while you prepare a meal or as you tuck them into bed.

**CONNECT AS A FAMILY**

Gather your family outside near a wall or fence. Then read **Nehemiah 1:1–10**. Explain to your children that God used Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Next, read **Nehemiah 9**. Ask your children if they think that the Israelites recognized what they had done wrong. Then discuss what this portion of Scripture tells us about God.

**TABLE TALK**

After reading, **Nehemiah 1:1-10 and 9**, discuss these questions together:

• What did Nehemiah do when he heard about Jerusalem?

• What did the people do when they heard God’s Word?

• Is there anything in your life that you need God to redeem?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Trustworthy into your everyday life as a family.

**PRE-K LESSON (11:00 SUNDAY CELEBRATION)**

**WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK: “LOVING OUR FAMILIES” (MARCH 18TH)**

Based on Genesis 21:1-6

**WHERE WE ARE HEADED NEXT TIME: “Palm Sunday: Praises for the King” (MARCH 25TH)**

Based on: Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-13

**PARENT DEVOTIONAL:** Jesus is King! The Passover crowd in Jerusalem proclaimed Jesus as their King. They praised Him, thinking He would save them from the tyranny of the Roman Empire. Jesus is your King too! He comes to you triumphant in His victory over death. He has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil to give you eternal life. Ask the Lord to show you areas of your life where Jesus is not King. Then ask Him to help you change those parts of your life.

The crowd in Jerusalem praised their King: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD ([Psalm 118:26](https://biblia.com/bible/niv/Ps%20118.26)). Take a moment to thank and praise Jesus for being the King of your life.

Your children will enjoy praising Jesus their King during this lesson. Help them know how wonderful and awesome it is that Jesus is their King.

**KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE LESSON (11:00 SUNDAY CELEBRATION)**

**WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK: “PRAISE GOD THE CREATOR” (MARCH 18TH)**

Based on Psalm 33:1-11

 **MEMORY VERSE:** “But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever.” Psalm 3:11a

**WHERE WE ARE HEADED NEXT TIME: “GOD’S IMAGE-BEARERS” (MARCH 25TH)**

Based on: Genesis 1:26–31; John 1:1–3

 **Parent Heart Prep:** Do you remember how excited you were as a little kid to celebrate your birthday? The day you entered this world is marked each year with celebration—a celebration of life. [Psalm 139](https://biblia.com/bible/niv/Ps%20139) reminds us just how uniquely and lovingly we are made, each one of us knit together in our mother's womb. We were created with great care and purpose.

The climax of God's craftsmanship in creation was the beautiful way in which He fashioned man and woman. Rather than commanding and creating, we see God the Father; His Son, Jesus; and the Holy Spirit deliberating over the creation of man. With great affection, God reveals His grand desire for relationship with us by speaking the words that will forever distinguish us from the rest of creation: "Let us make man in our image" ([Genesis 1:26](https://biblia.com/bible/niv/Gen%201.26)).

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Consider for a moment what it means to truly reflect God's image in the way you live—how you respond when children misbehave, when someone cuts in front of you in line at the grocery store, or when someone at work spreads rumors about you. Talk to God about how you reflect His image in your relationships with Him, your family, friends, and others you interact with.

* What does it take to be a genuine reflection of God's image to others?
* How can you more completely reflect God's image in your life?

As they journey through this lesson, your children will be challenged to consider what it really means to be created in God's image and how that affects the way they choose to live their life. Be intentional this week to publicly recognize the times you see the image of God reflected in your kids.