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

WHAT WE LEARNED Last time: God is the one true god (April 15th)

**The Fiery Furnace**

Daniel 3:1–30

King Nebuchadnezzar builds a statue and orders everyone to worship it. But Shadrach, Meschach, and Abednego refuse to bow.

WHERE WE ARE HEADED NEXT TIME: God is faithful (APRIL 22ND)

**The Walls of Jerusalem Rebuilt**

Nehemiah 1—4; 6—9

With God’s help, Nehemiah leads God’s people in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

**REMEMBER VERSE**

Our new Remember Verse is Psalm 89:1.

I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.
Psalm 89:1

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**

Read this part of The Big God Story in a favorite cozy area in your home. Once everyone is comfortable, ask your children what the word *faithful* means. If your children have a hard time answering, share an example of faithfulness. Then read **Nehemiah 1** together. As some of God’s people were returning to their homeland after captivity in Babylon, Jerusalem’s walls were still in ruins. Nehemiah was very upset when he heard this news. He realized he needed God’s help to rebuild. Nehemiah knew God is faithful and he could look to Him.

**TABLE TALK**

After reading **Nehemiah 1,** discuss these questions together:

• How did Nehemiah describe God in verse 5?

• What does it mean that God is faithful?

• How have you seen God’s faithfulness in our family?

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 Last time: God Knows everything (April 15)

**Woman at the Well**

John 1:1–42

Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman.

WHERE WE ARE HEADED NEXT TIME: jesus seeks and saves (April 22)

**Zacchaeus**

Luke 19:1–10

Jesus went to Zaccheaus’ house.

**REMEMBER VERSE**

Our next Remember Verse is Psalm 139:23-24.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23–24

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**

Have your children choose their two favorite toys. They can hold onto their toys while you **read Luke 19:1–10**. Explain to your children that after Zacchaeus met Jesus, he gave half of everything he owned to the poor. Next, ask your kids how they would feel if you asked them to give away one of their two toys. Discuss together how it might feel to give away things you love. Remind them that Jesus didn’t ask Zacchaeus to do this; Zacchaeus did it on his own because he was so grateful that Jesus saved him.

**TABLE TALK**

After reading, **Luke 19:1-10** discuss these questions together:

• What part of this encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus surprised you?

• Who are the lost? Why did Jesus come to seek and save them?

• How does it make you feel to know Jesus came to save you?

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)**

**WHERE WE ARE HEADED NEXT TIME: “CHILDREN CAN BE GOOD FRIENDS” (APRIL 22ND)**

Based on: 2 Kings 5:1-14

**PARENT DEVOTIONAL:** Children seem to have a natural ability to make friends and be a friend. Watch as children play at a playground and you'll find young ones asking each other, "Will you be my friend?" The reply is typically, "Yes!" and they run off together to play.

As we read [2 Kings 5:1-14, we](https://biblia.com/bible/we/2%20Kings%205.1-14) find a maidservant able to be a friend to her master. This was not a natural place for a friendship to form. The girl and her master were separated by many barriers—age, status, position, religion. However, the girl didn't let these things get in the way. She did what children do naturally. She cared enough about someone else to get involved. She also believed that her master, Naaman, could be healed.

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

**WHAT WE LEARNED LAST TIME: “GOD WANTS US TO FOLLOW” (APRIL 15TH)**

Based on: Genesis 11: 1-9

**WHERE WE ARE HEADED NEXT TIME: “GOD IS NEVER LATE IN KEEPING HIS PROMISES” (APRIL 22nd)**

Based on: Genesis 17:1–8, 15–17; 18:11–15; 21:1–5

Memory Verse: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” Hebrews 10:23

 **PARENT HEART PREP:** Have you been earnestly praying for a friend or family member to come to know the Lord? Are you desperately asking God to cure the terminal illness of someone close to your heart? Both situations—and many others—carry huge burdens of aching and waiting.

Abraham and Sarah flesh out this reality for us. They endured the pain of being childless for many years. They ached for a baby. Imagine how joyfully astounded Abraham was when, at age 75, God promised to make him a great nation and to bless all people through him. What amazing news!

But years went by, and the two were still childless. They waited—five years, ten years, fifteen years. Abraham doubted God and questioned Him. He even took matters into his own hands at times. But God continually reassured Abraham of His promise.

We can rest assured that God is incredibly intentional with His timing.

By the time Sarah finally gave birth to a son, it had been twenty-five years since God first delivered the promise that Abraham would become a great nation.

Very rarely is God's timing our timing. We often grow impatient when things don't fall into place right away, and we're left wondering—when will He answer? Why He orchestrates our lives as He does often remains a mystery to us, but we can rest assured that God is incredibly intentional with His timing.

* What are you wondering about in your faith journey?
* Imagine Jesus sitting near you. What would you like to say to Him about His timing in answering a prayer that's been on your heart?

From the very beginning God had a plan to redeem His people (including us!) from a fallen world, and He uses specific people to accomplish His plan. Abraham was chosen to play an intricate role and through him, God brought Jesus into the world to save us all!

Think about times in your life when you've had to wait on the Lord. What was God teaching you during these times?

Maybe you're still in a season of waiting. How is God using this time to strengthen your faith? Prepare to share one of these experiences with your kids this week. They'll greatly benefit from hearing how God has grown you through times of waiting—and, more importantly, how God has proven Himself faithful!

God Of Eternity, *What is time to You? I confess that I have a hard time waiting on You sometimes, but I'm so thankful that You use those times of waiting to help me grow in my faith. I'm incredibly amazed at the way You've worked throughout history in the lives of so many people, in such an intricate way, to fulfill Your many promises. Thank You for including me in Your grand plan. You're the almighty God, and it's truly a privilege to be loved by You!*

*In Jesus' name I pray, amen.*