

Family Time Handout

Week of October 25-31



Today, Pastor Nathan's Key Question was, "Why does God allow us to be broken?"

Let's look at some different pieces of scripture that can give us some additional clarity on this question. As you read each day's reference, still walk through the 4 steps, but focus on this key question as well. It often helps to read the verses around a single verse, so if time allows, read the section of verses that the verse is included in.

Day 1: 1 Peter 5:10

Day 2: 2 Corinthians 4:17

Day 3: Isaiah 43:2

Day 4: James 1:12

Day 5: Luke 14:27

Following the *Risen Motherhood Abide Method* of "How to Study Scripture with Your Kids," each day do these 4 steps with the section of scripture you are reading:

Step 1: Read the portion of scripture out loud. Next, remind them of these 3 things. "The Bible is True." "The Bible is the most special book." "The Bible is God's word, written for us to know Him."

Remind them to listen carefully because this passage will tell them important things about who God is, who we are, and what God's plan is for us in Jesus.

Step 2: Observe. Ask your child comprehension questions to help them recall important details about the passage. Focus on: Location, Characters, Actions, Memorable/notable events – especially about who God is and what his plan is for people.

Step 3: Apply. Encourage your kids to think about how this text applies to their everyday lives. Have fun brainstorming!

This can also become a time of confession with one another, encouraging each other towards good words/deeds, offering affirmation to other family members and even openly sharing the gospel.

Step 4: Interpret. Make note of any questions your children have. These questions might be the only conversation starters you need to have some important light bulb moments. If they are stuck, consider asking: "Why do you think God put this in the Bible?" "How does what we read in this story show God cares?" "How does this show us Jesus?"

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:

Praise God that He does not leave us alone in our brokenness.

Thank the Lord that He alone gives us the strength we need to persevere.

Confess that you do not always trust the Lord when things are hard.

Lament that we live in a broken world.

Ask Him to help you trust Him, even when you feel alone and afraid.

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