



Parenting When Things Go Wrong (Deuteronomy 6:16, Exodus 17:1-7)
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Ephesians 5:2, 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Parenting (& life) is about enjoying & spreading the fragrance of Jesus

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You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted *Him* in Massah. **Deuteronomy 6:16 NKJV**

Rock, Rod, Water (1 Corinthians 10:4, Isaiah 11:4, John 4:14)

Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?" **Exodus 17:2 NKJV**

And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" **Exodus 17:3 NKJV**

So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" **Exodus 17:4 NKJV**

So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" **Exodus 17:7 NKJV**

God leads parents to remain calm & inquisitive

God leads parents to teach kids they're learning to follow God

God leads parents to seek restoration, not punishment

Problems cause Christian parents to seek God like never before

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This Week's [New Testament + Reading Plan:](#)

1. *Acts 9*
2. *Acts 10*
3. *Acts 11*
4. *Acts 12*
5. *Acts 13*
6. *Psalms 89*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

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GOD SEES US

JONAH



In this series, we'll be learning that "God Sees Us". God sees us in our good times and our bad. This month we'll be looking at the story of Jonah and talking about how God could see Jonah even when he ran away. God loves us. God sees us.

Memory Verse: "God sees us." Job 31:4 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Sees Us Because He Loves Us

Parent Connect: Read today's activity sheet to your toddler. Ask your toddler to show you where Jonah is hiding on the activity sheet. Ask: "Who can see Jonah even when he's in the belly of the fish?" (God)

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IN THE BEGINNING

EARLY STORIES OF THE BIBLE



In this series kids will learn about the rebuilding of nations after the great flood - starting with a promise to Abram to give him many kids. In each lesson we learn how God has called us to obey and follow. In doing so, God also will always keep His promises!

Memory Verse: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

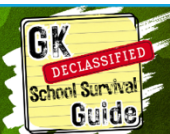
Heart of the Lesson: Make Good Choices – Jacob Steals for Esau - Genesis 25:19-34, 27

Parent Connect: Today we learned about good choices and bad choices. Rebekkah from our story made a bad choice by lying and playing a trick on Abraham. Talk to your kid throughout the week about different choices that are made throughout the day. Examples like – saying please, yelling, telling the truth, slamming the door, etc. Give a thumbs up for good choices and thumbs down for bad choices.

ELEMENTARY

School Survival Guide

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR



As kids go back to school there are many things we want to remind them. In this series, Grace Kids School Survival Guide, we will learn how we are Christ-image bearers, equipped with the Armor of God, and to live to glorify Him.

Memory Verse: "Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him." Colossians 3:10

Heart of the Lesson: Be the friend you would want to have.

Parent Connect: Discuss as a family. What are the things you look for in a friend? How was Jesus a friend to others? How can we be the friend we would want to have?



We have been sent to share Jesus with others. In this series, we are going to learn practical tools that will help us share the good news of Jesus with people around us.

Memory Verse: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

Heart of the Lesson: What is the Gospel? - Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Acts 4:12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9, Acts 1:8

Parent Connect: Take time to share with your student your own understanding of the Gospel and its impact on your life. Read key passages such as John 3:16, Romans 5:8, and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 together. Discuss the power of Jesus' sacrifice and how it brings salvation to all who believe.

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS**SHARING JESUS 101**

What is the Gospel and how do I share it?



Knowing how and what to share about the gospel can be tricky sometimes, but the good news of Jesus is something we shouldn't keep to ourselves! This series, we're looking at how and what we should share with others about the good news of Jesus.

Memory Verse: “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone.’” Mark 16:15

Heart of the Lesson: I can share the Good News of Jesus

Parent Connect:

- What are some ways we can share the good news of Jesus?
- What was easy for you when practicing sharing the good news?
- What was more difficult for you when practicing sharing the good news?
- Who is someone you can share the good news of Jesus with?