

<u>Do You Love and Help Others– Signs of Life</u> March 19, 2023

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Do I Love and Help Others?

Am I abiding in the love of Jesus

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. **1 John 3:14 NKJV**

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 1 John 3:15 NKJV

Am I abiding in the actions of Jesus?

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. **1 John 3:16 NKJV**

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? **1 John 3:17 NKJV**

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18 NKJV

Am I abiding in the assurance of Jesus?

And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. **1 John 3:19 NKJV**

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 1 John 3:20 NKJV

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 1 John 3:21 NKJV

This Week's New Testament+ reading plan:

- 1. 1 Timothy 6
- 2. 2 Timothy 1
- 3. 2 Timothy 2
- 4. 2 Timothy 3
- 5. 2 Timothy 4
- 6. Proverbs 11
- 7. Prayer & Reflection

NURSERY

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S BOOK

JOSIAH FINDS THE BOOK OF LAW



Toddlers can be messy, but they also love to help clean up! In this series we will be learning about a time when King Josiah cleaned up the temple and found part of the Bible. We'll play and explore through cleaning and Bible themed activities to help us remember this great story of one of Israel's good kings!

Memory Verse: The Bible is God's book. 2 Timothy 3:16 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: The Bible Tells Us About God

Parent Connect: We have been learning about how God gave us the Bible. Does your toddler have a Bible of his/her own? If not, consider buying your toddler an age appropriate Bible and beginning a routine of reading from regularly. Some people read with their kids at night before bed, others read together in the mornings while eating breakfast. What works for your family?

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MIRACLES AND MINISTRY



THE LIFE OF JESUS.

As we continue exploring the life of Jesus, we'll discuss some of His biggest miracles, and stories. We'll learn that Jesus loves everyone and learn to be thankful!

Memory Verse: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Loves Everyone – Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10

Parent Connect: Today's craft was a sequencing sheet. We put the story of Zacchaeus in order. Ask your kid to tell you the story using the pictures in our craft. If your kid needs help, read Luke 19:1-10 and let your kid follow along with the pictures.

ELEMENTARY

GAME ON!



HOW TO SAY "SORRY", NO TO GREED, AND WHAT DO WHEN THINGS GET CRAZY!

You can learn a lot about a person by playing a board game. In our series, Game On, we will look at different board games that reflect Jesus' teachings. Things like how to say sorry, not be greedy, and what to do when life gets crazy. Then we will act out to learn what is Palm Sunday and discover the clues that point to Jesus' Resurrection.

Memory Verse: "For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are." - Romans 3:20

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus teaches us how to forgive and say sorry - Matthew 5:23-24, Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 18:21-22

Parent Connect: Is there anyone in your life you need to apologize to? It is never too say sorry. Encourage your kids to apologize to someone they need to and share a story of when you had to say sorry.

HOW DO I KNOW I HAVE JESUS AND HELP OTHERS KNOW JESUS?



The main theme of the book of 1 John is the word "KNOW". In this series, we will be following the adults series "Signs of Life" to understand how we can KNOW that we have Jesus, and help others KNOW Him too!

Memory Verse: I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

Heart of the Lesson: Do you love and help others? - 1 John 3:13-23

Parent Connect: What is a way you can love and help others to show them Jesus in you? Try leaving an encouraging sticky note on your friend or teacher's desk at school!

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

SIGNS OF LIFE

How do you know you're in God's forever family?



When we choose to follow Jesus, He saves us from our sins and He invites us to be a part of God's forever family! But it can be tempting to doubt if we truly are saved by Jesus and part of His family. How can we know for sure? This series, we are learning how we can be confident we are in God's forever family!

Memory Verse: 1 John 5:13 (NIRV) I'm writing these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God. I'm writing so you will know that you have eternal life.

Heart of the Lesson: Do you want to love & serve others? (1 John 3:13-23)

Parent Connect:

- What did John say in today's lesson that is a sign that we follow Jesus?
- Is it easy or hard for you to love and serve others instead of doing something for yourself?
- What is something you can do to love and serve someone else this week?
- Who can you share Jesus's love with this week?