

Dating & Engagement– Seeing Relationships as God Sees

Sunday, August 31, 2025

God desires to be the center of our relationships

What does it look like to see dating as God sees?

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And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. *Romans 12:2 NKJV*

One Vision: Seeing as God Sees

When should a follower of Christ date?

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. *1 Timothy 6:6 NKJV*

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. *Hebrews 13:5 NKJV*

Who should a follower of Christ date?

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? *2 Corinthians 6:14 NKJV*

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, *Hebrews 10:24 NKJV*

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This Week's [OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan](#):

Aug 31- Acts 18, Family Focus – Acts 18:5-11

Sept 1– Amos 9, Family Focus – Amos 9:11-12

Sept 2 - Reflection & Prayer

Sept 3– Acts 19, Family Focus – Acts 19:8-10

Sept 4– Acts 20, Family Focus – Acts 20:25-38

Sept 5– Acts 21, Family Focus – Acts 21:27-30

Sept 6 - Acts 22, Family Focus – Acts 22:1-16

August 31

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GOD SEES US

This month, we are learning that God sees us. God sees us in our Good times and our bad. This month we will be looking at the story of Jonah and talking about how God could see Jonah even when he ran away. God loves us and God sees us.

Memory Verse: "God Sees Us. Job 31:4 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Are Thankful That God Sees Us

Parent Connect: Read the back of today's coloring sheet out loud to your toddler then watch this video to hear the rest of the story of Jonah.

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HEROES OF FAITH

This series introduces kids to five major leaders from the Bible- Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David and Elijah- each chosen by God to lead his people with courage and faith. Through their stories, kids will learn about trusting God, standing up for what's right, and following God's direction even when it's hard.

Memory Verse: "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." Psalm 46:1

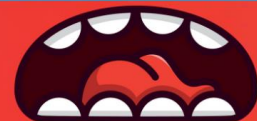
Heart of the Lesson: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

Parent Connect: This week, we learned about Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. Go read it with your kid in 1 Kings 18. After you have finished, scan this QR code and make this snack to help you remember the story. FOR QR CODE: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/1266706139857065/>

ELEMENTARY

SAY AHH

LEARNING THE POWER OF THE TONGUE



The words we say are powerful. God gave us a mouth to praise Him and yet our tongue is often used to tear down instead of build up. In this series we will discuss the power of our words. This series is full of daily applications for all of us!

Memory Verse: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Heart of the Lesson: Think before you speak.

Parent Connect: We can "chew" on words before we say them out loud. This allows us to think about what we are about to say and ask ourselves if we really need to say it. Set up a blindfolded "chewing" game where your kids will have to guess the food they are chewing on without seeing it. Practice chewing on this food the same way we can chew on our words.

This year as a church, our year-long theme has been One Vision. That means that we're learning how to see things the way God does. In this series, we will be learning how to see forgiveness like Jesus. Forgiveness can be really hard, but Jesus taught us that we should forgive not once, twice, or even 7 times, but an infinite number of times, just as He has forgiven us.

Memory Verse: You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. Colossians 2:13

Heart of the Lesson: What if someone doesn't ask for forgiveness? - Matthew 6:14-15, Luke 6:27-31, Ephesians 4:31-32

Parent Connect: What is the hardest part about forgiveness? Ask your student to journal about it and ask God to help him or her forgive. Encourage them to be completely open and honest with God!