



GROW

1 & 2 Peter
Early Childhood



East 91ST Street
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This Journal Belongs To...

Kid's Promise

I promise to Grow daily for the next 40 days. I will spend time every day doing my devotion, reading Scripture, and writing down my prayers.

Parent's Promise

I promise to hold my child accountable to Grow by encouraging them to do their daily devotion, journal and Scripture reading. I will model Christ in my life and I will set an example through my words and through my actions so that my child may grow to know Jesus more.

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Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Peter				
1:1-2	1:3-9	1:10-12	1:13-20	1:21-2:3
2:4-10	2:11-12	2:13-17	2:18-20	2:21-25
3:1-6	3:7	3:8-12	3:13-17	3:18-22
4:1-6	4:7-9	4:10-11	4:12-13	4:14-19
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2 Peter				
1:1-4	1:5-11	1:12-15	1:16-18	1:19-21
2:1-3	2:4-9	2:10-11	2:12-16	2:17-22
3:1-2	3:3-7	3:8-14	3:15-16	3:17-18

HOW IT WORKS

DAILY SCHEDULE

Pick a time each day to sit with your Bible and your Grow Journal to spend time with God. Having a regular time helps you build a routine and makes it easier to remember to set aside special time just for Him.

QUIET PLACE

You live in a noisy, busy world. But God wants time with you without noise or distractions. Find a quiet place where you can get away from screens, music, and even other people. Having a calm spot will help you focus on what God wants to teach you each day.

BIBLE

God speaks to you through the Bible. He gave you the Bible to guide you, encourage you, and help you learn and grow. When you see a verse in your Grow Journal, look it up. Start each day by opening your Bible and reading the Scripture for that day. Don't be afraid to highlight, underline, or write notes in your Bible about what you learned from that verse.

PRAYER JOURNAL

Each day has a "God's Time" spot. This is where you can write your prayers to God. Writing in your journal helps you slow down, think clearly, and pay attention to what's on your mind. Because writing takes more time than just thinking, it helps you focus on what God is teaching you each day.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The Bible says that two people are better than one, and that a rope made of three strands is not easily broken. This means we are stronger when we work together! Ask your parents to be part of what you're learning. Do the activities with them, and let them help remind you to spend time in your Grow Journal each day. Friends can encourage you too. Talk with a friend who is also doing Grow. Share your favorite stories, verses, or activities, and remind each other to do your Grow devotion every day.

GRACE DAYS

Sometimes your week can get a little busy, and you might miss a day. That's okay! The weekend gives you a chance to catch up. Saturday and Sunday can be used as time to catch up on a devo that was missed or to read the chapter for the upcoming week.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU AND YOUR 40 DAYS OF GROWING WITH JESUS. STAY FAITHFUL—IT WILL BE WORTH IT! GOD WILL BLESS YOU AND REWARD YOUR HARD WORK. REMEMBER HIS PROMISE: IF YOU COME CLOSE TO HIM, HE WILL COME CLOSE TO YOU.



... in the grace and knowledge of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ² Peter 3:18

1 Peter 1:1-2

Grab your Bible and
find the books of
1 Peter and 2 Peter.



NOTE: Most storybook Bibles will not have sections for 1st and 2nd Peter. That's ok. Grab a full Bible and show your child where the books are and explain that the Bible is true and from God.

1 Peter 1:2

"You have been chosen in keeping with what God the Father had planned ... God chose you so that you might obey Jesus Christ..."

Who was Peter?

Peter was a fisherman who caught fish in a big net! Then, he became a best friend and helper to Jesus. Jesus gave him a special nickname: **"The Rock!"** Peter travelled near and far to tell people all about Jesus.



God chose YOU!

God chose **YOU** to be in His big, special family because He loves you so much! When you are in God's family, you get to share His love and tell your friends about Jesus.

You've Got Mail

Did you know 1 Peter and 2 Peter are actually letters? Peter wrote these letters to share encouragement with Jesus' friends living far away, just like sending a piece of encouraging mail or a drawing to a friend!



Write or draw an
encouraging card
to a friend today.

1 PETER 1:8A

Even though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him...

This week's Bible verse is 1 Peter 1:8a.

As a family, come up with some fun actions or a tune to sing to help you learn the verse together.



The Rock:

Go outside and find a strong rock (just like Peter's nickname).

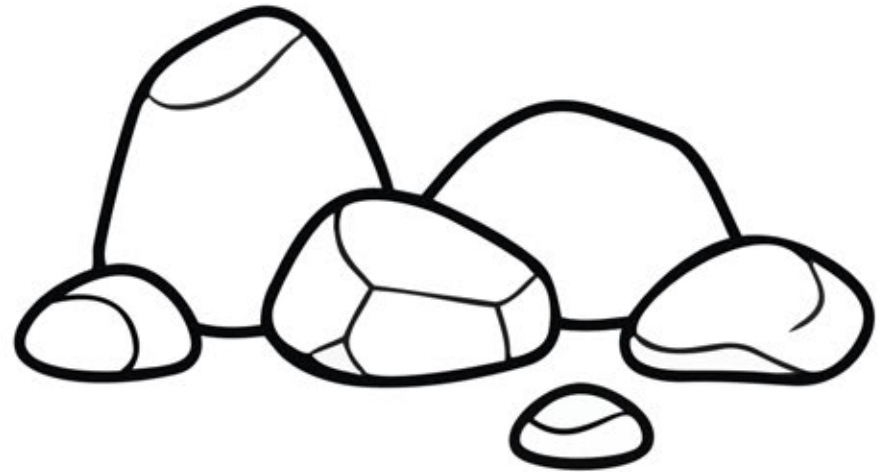
Paint a happy face on your rock.

Keep it in your room to remind you that God chose you and loves you!

Pray with your child:

Dear God, thank You for choosing me to be in Your family! Help me to be strong like a rock and tell others about Your love.

Amen.



Parent Thought:

In 1 Peter 1:1-2, Peter opens his letter by reminding believers of their true identity: they are chosen by God, set apart by the Spirit, and covered in His grace and peace. As parents, it's easy to focus on teaching our kids how to behave, but Peter reminds us that identity always comes first. Our children are chosen, set apart, and deeply loved by God before they ever do anything to earn it. When we ground our kids in who they are in Christ, we give them a secure foundation that stands firm no matter what.

1 Peter 1:3-9

1 Peter 1:3, 8

"Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...

8Even though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him. You are filled with a glorious joy that can't be put into words."

We listen and learn from God when we open our Bibles and read special books like this together. They show us how much God loves us and how He wants us to live every day. In this letter, Peter tells us about joy! Happiness happens when we get a fun toy or a tasty snack, but toys break and snacks get eaten. Joy is different! Joy comes directly from God through the Holy Spirit. It stays inside our hearts like a warm light, even when we have a sad or hard day!

In verse 8, Peter tells us something amazing about our hearts. Have you ever loved a cozy blanket or your favorite teddy bear? You can touch them and see them! But with Jesus, something special happens. Even though we haven't seen Jesus with our eyes, we can love Him with our whole heart!

Believing in Jesus means trusting Him even when our eyes can't see Him right now. And when we love and trust Him, Jesus fills our hearts with a glorious joy—a super-duper big happy feeling that is so huge, it's hard to even find enough words to describe it!

JOY

In the big heart, draw a picture of yourself.

Color inside the heart using your brightest, happiest crayons (like yellow, orange, or pink) to show the big joy Jesus puts inside you!

1 PETER 1:8A

*Even though you have not seen him, you love him.
Though you do not see him now, you believe in him...*

Practice this week's memory verse with these activities:

Trace the verse words: Put your fingers on these special words and read them out loud with a parent:

I LOVE JESUS
I BELIEVE IN HIM

Point and Check:

Touch your eyes and say: "I can't see Him yet..."

Touch your heart and say: "...but I love Him with all my heart!"



Parent Thought:

In 1 Peter 1:3-9, Peter points us to the living hope we have in Jesus, reminding us that though we have not seen Him, we love Him and are filled with an inexpressible joy. Preschoolers rely heavily on sight and touch to make sense of the world, making the idea of loving an unseen Savior a foundational milestone in faith. When we guide our children to trust Jesus, we teach them that true faith and joy are rooted in a personal relationship with Him, far beyond what our physical eyes can see.

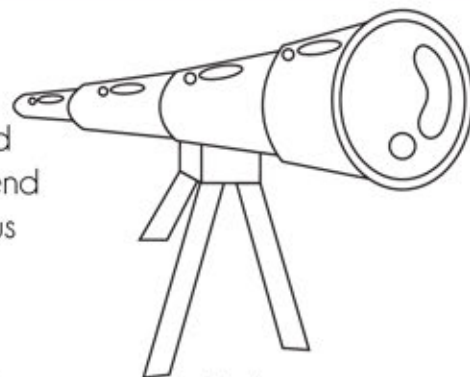
1 Peter 1:10-12

1 Peter 1:10, 12

"The prophets searched very hard and with great care to find out about this salvation... 12 They have done it with the help of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven..."

Looking to the future...

A long, long time ago, God's special helpers—called prophets—looked way into the future like using a pretend telescope! They knew a Savior was coming to love us and save us, and it made them super excited! Today, we know who that Savior is... **it's Jesus!**



Even though you weren't there when Jesus was on Earth, He sent a special helper to be with you: the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is God's wise, powerful and loving presence. When you feel scared, lonely, or happy, the Holy Spirit is right beside you to help you be brave and share Jesus' love!

Spy Joy!

Roll up a piece of paper like a telescope or spyglass.
Look around your house and point your telescope at things that remind you of Jesus
(like a Bible, a cross, or a picture of your family).

Take this one step farther: Play a quick game of "I Spy God's Love". Look around your home or backyard together with your telescope and point out things God gave us because He loves us (a colorful flower, a yummy snack, a soft blanket). Remind your child that just like we feel the warm sun even if we can't grab it, we can feel Jesus' real love in our hearts every day!

Pray with your child:

Dear God, thank You for keeping Your promise and sending Jesus! Thank You for giving me the Holy Spirit to be my helper every single day. Amen.

Fill in the missing words for this week's Bible verse

1 Peter 1:8a

*Even though you have not _____ him, you _____ him.
Though you do not _____ him now, you _____ in him...*

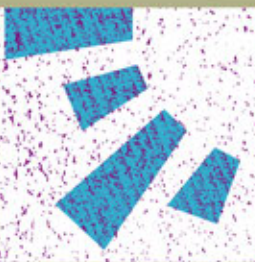
Trace the words below from this week's memory verse.

SEE

BELIEVE

Parent Thought:

In 1 Peter 1:10–12, Peter reminds us that the prophets searched intently to understand the salvation we now freely enjoy—a grace so incredible that even angels long to look into it. Preschoolers process God's grand love through their everyday senses: warm hugs, high-fives, and joyful smiles. Teaching little ones to love an invisible Savior begins by helping them notice Jesus' presence in the beauty of the world around them and the peace in their hearts.



1 Peter 1:13-20

1 Peter 1:13-15.

So be watchful, and control yourselves completely...14You should obey your Father...15The God who chose you is holy. So you should be holy in all that you do."

Have you ever played Simon Says? In the game, you have to freeze, pay close attention, and control your body so you only move when Simon says to! Obeying God is just like that. God asks us to be watchful and control ourselves. That means keeping our eyes and ears open, stopping to think before we act, and controlling our hands, feet, and words because God tells us to! God gives us good rules to keep us safe, like sharing our toys, stopping when we get mad, using kind words, and obeying quickly.

Holy =

The word holy means super clean, special, and pure—just like Jesus! When we make a messy mistake or don't listen, Jesus forgives us when we ask. He washes our hearts clean so we can shine bright for Him!



Simon says...

Play a quick game of Simon Says.

"Simon says... jump up and down three times!"

"Simon says... give someone a big squeeze!"

"Simon says... flash a big smile!"

"Freeze!" (Oops! Did Simon say it?)

In Simon Says, we have to listen super carefully with our ears so we know when to move. Following God works the exact same way. We listen to God with our hearts when we obey our parents, share, and choose kindness. We learn how to follow Him when we open our Bibles together, because God's Word shows us how much He loves us and how He wants us to live every day.



Color the words of this week's memory verse.

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT

SEEN HIM YOU

LOVE HIM. THOUGH YOU

DO NOT SEE HIM NOW, YOU

BELIEVE IN HIM...

1 PETER 1:8A

Parent Thought:

In 1 Peter 1:13–20, Peter calls us to be alert and self-controlled, living holy lives because God is holy. For preschoolers, self-control is an emerging skill, not just an act of obedience. When we help our children understand why we practice self-control—because God loves us and wants to protect us—we transform moments of discipline into opportunities for spiritual growth. Guided by His grace, we can help our kids learn to choose wisdom over impulse.

When big emotions pop up this week, practice a "Pause & Freeze" together. Take a deep breath and gently remind them: "God gives us power to control our bodies and words!"

1 Peter 1:21-2:3

1 Peter 2:2

*"Like newborn babies,
you should long for the
pure milk of God's
Word. It will help you
grow up as
believers."*



Close your eyes and think about a baby you know.
What are they like? What do they need to grow and be healthy?

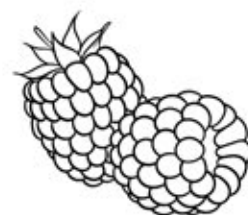
Babies need a lot of things, but one really important thing they need to live is milk.
Milk nourishes them and helps them to grow strong.

Did you know that just like babies need to drink milk, the Bible says that we need spiritual milk?
Read 1 Peter 2:2. Peter tells us that we should "long for the pure spiritual milk of God's Word."

Spiritual milk is the truth of God's Word. We need to read God's Word, learn what is true, and grow in our knowledge and understanding of who God is. As we do this, our thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors will begin to change and become more like Jesus.

Becoming more like Jesus doesn't happen all at one. It is a lifelong process. But, when we are growing spiritually, our lives will show it. Just like when you grow physically you get taller and stronger; when you grow spiritually you will reflect Jesus more clearly, and the fruit of the Spirit will become more evident in the way you think, speak, and treat others.

Challenge: Look up Galatians 5: 22-23 and read it together as a family.
Can you say each of the fruits of the spirit as you color in the fruits below?



Trace the memory verse for this week.

Even though you have
not seen him, you love
him. Though you do not
see him now, you
believe in him...

1 PETER 1:8A

Parent Thought:

In 1 Peter 2:1-3, Peter challenges us to crave God's Word the way a newborn baby craves milk so that we can grow in our salvation. Spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident; it's nurtured through intentional daily rhythms. As parents, we have the opportunity to guide and model what time with God looks like, establishing healthy habits in our children that will last long beyond this study. When we prioritize God's Word in our home, we help our kids develop a lifelong hunger for Him.

Look at your family's daily routine and pick one simple, consistent time—like at breakfast or right before bedtime—to read a Bible story together and ask God to help your family grow healthy spiritual rhythms that last.

1 Peter 2:4-10

1 Peter 2:4-5

"Christ is the living Stone. People did not accept him, but God chose him. God places the highest value on him. 5 You also are like living stones. As you come to Christ, you are being built into a house for worship. There you will be holy priests."

1 Peter 2:9

"But God chose you to be his people. You are royal priests. You are a holy nation. You are God's special treasure. You are all these things so that you can give him praise. God brought you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Living Stones in God's House

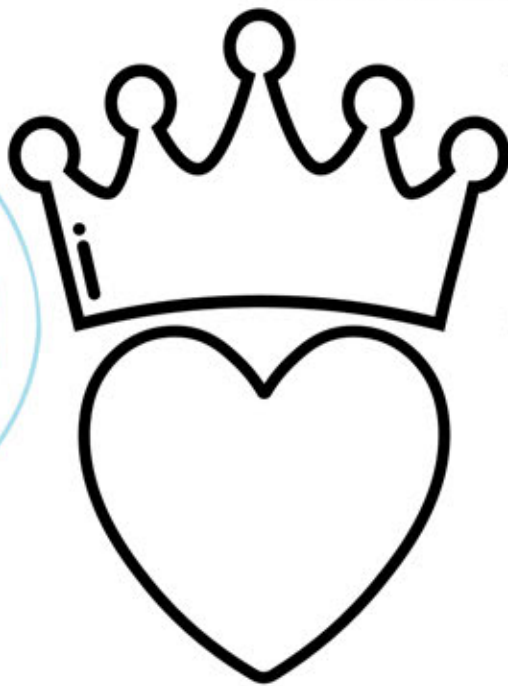
Imagine building a house out of blocks. Every house needs a bottom block that is super strong and straight so the house won't tip over. That bottom block is Jesus—He is our foundation!

The Bible says we are like "living stones" stacked on top of Jesus to help build God's house! One stone cannot make a whole house all by itself. It takes all of us—you, your family, and your friends—stacked together on Jesus to make God's big, strong home!



Jesus rescued us and brought us out of the dark and into His bright, wonderful light! You belong to Him, which means you are royal, holy, and God's very own special treasure. You don't have to earn His love or do anything perfect—He loves you just because He made you!

God didn't choose you because of how fast you run or how big you grow. He chose you because of how much He loves you! When you follow Him with your whole heart, you get to shine His bright light for everyone to see.



Write your name on the crown to the side. God calls you royal, like a king or queen.
On the heart, write "GOD" because of how much God loves you.

1 PETER 2:9

*But God chose you to be his people.
You are royal priests... You are God's
special treasure.*

This week's Bible verse is 1 Peter 2:9. As a family, come up with some fun actions or a tune to sing to help you learn the verse together.



Rock Castle

Grab some building blocks or small stones outside.

Put a big, strong block at the bottom to represent Jesus as the foundation. Stack other blocks on top to represent you and your family as God's "living stones"!



Pray with your child:

Dear God, thank You for making me Your special treasure and bringing me into Your wonderful light! Help me to shine Your love to everyone today. Amen.

Parent Sketch Pad:

In a world that constantly tells children their worth is tied to performance, 1 Peter 2:9 grounds their identity in grace. Your preschooler is chosen, royal, and a precious treasure simply because of what God has done through Jesus—not because of their behavior or achievements. What qualities does your child exhibit that shows their identity is in Christ?

1 Peter 2:11–12

1 Peter 2:12

"But lead good lives among them. Then they will see your good deeds. And they will give glory to God..."

Did you know that as followers of Jesus, our real home is in Heaven? That means sometimes we act a little different than everyone else—and that's a good thing! Instead of being selfish, God wants us to choose kindness every single day.

Shining Big and Bright

When you make good choices, it's like turning on a bright flashlight in a dark room. Jesus taught us to let our light shine so others can see it. When people see you doing good things—like using kind words, sharing your toys, or being helpful—they learn how good and loving God is, and they give Him praise!

Every single choice you make is a chance to show God's love! You can let your light shine through:

Words:

Speaking kindly to your family and friends.

Actions:

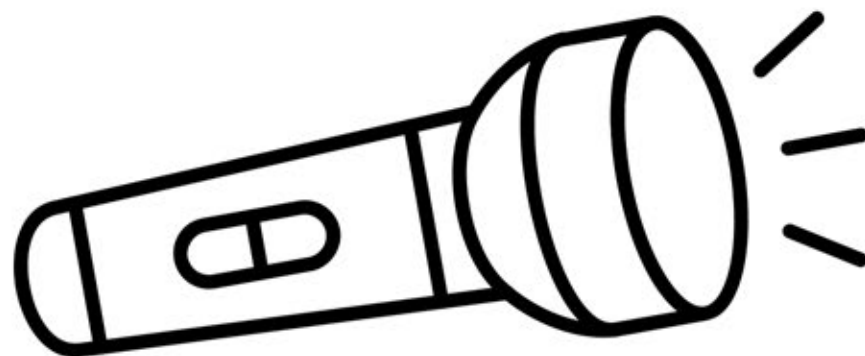
Treating everyone with kindness, like your teachers and people who help us.

Attitude:

Keeping a happy heart, even when playing games or sharing.

Flashlight Helper Game

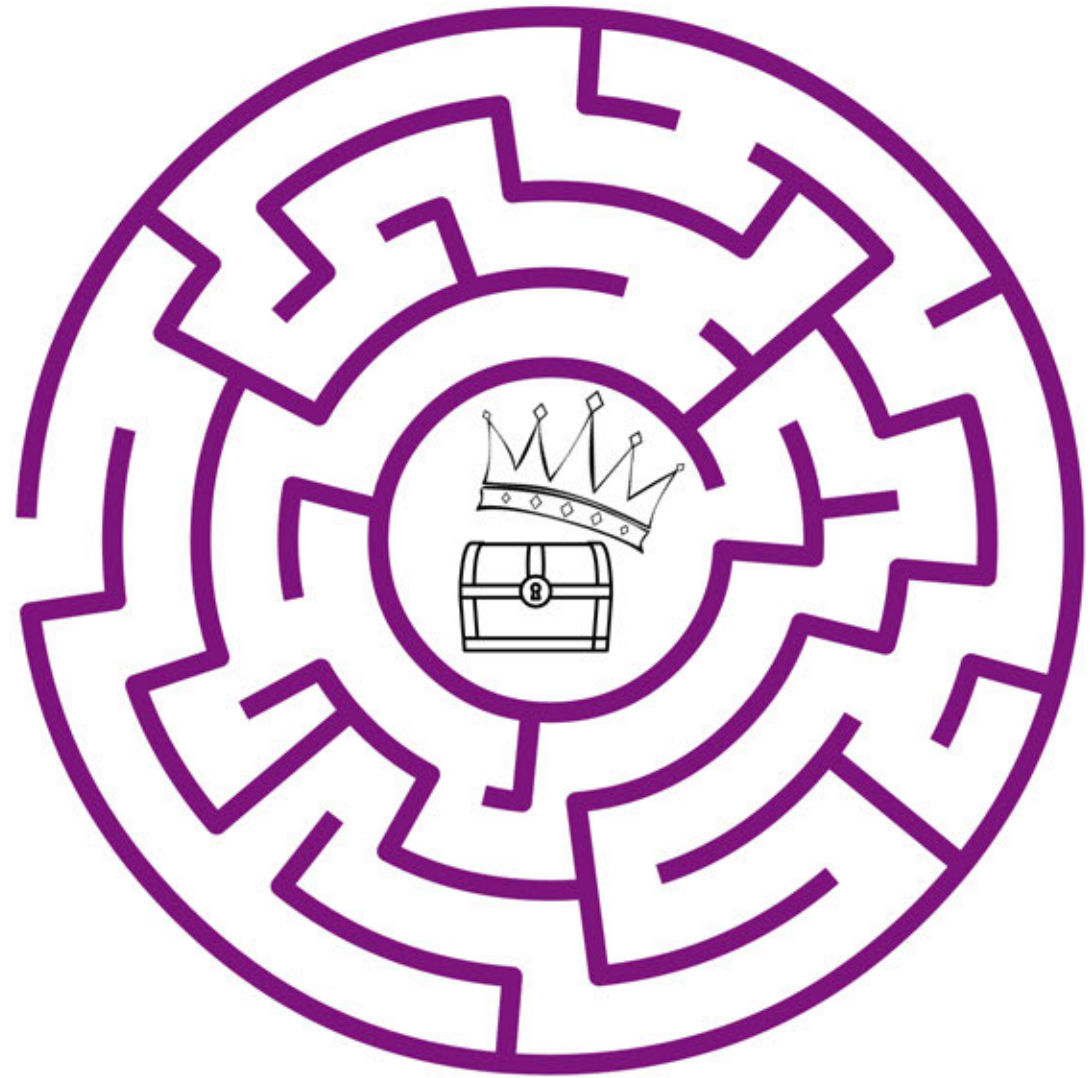
Turn off the lights in a room and grab a flashlight. Practice shining the flashlight on different helpful things around the room (like put-away toys or a tidy bed). Talk about one kind choice you can make today to "shine your light" for someone else!



Work through the maze to get to the crown and the treasure. As you do, say the memory verse for this week and talk about how God makes you royal and you are His treasure.

1 PETER 2:9

But God chose you to be his people. You are royal priests... You are God's special treasure.



Parent Thought:

Our young children watch how we live far more than they listen to what we say. 1 Peter 2:12 reminds us that our daily choices, kind actions, and patient responses are powerful testimonies that point others to God. As parents, we get to model what it looks like to live "good lives" right in front of our kids and our neighbors.

Catch your preschooler making a good choice or showing kindness this week. Call it out explicitly by saying: "I saw you share your toy! You just let Jesus' light shine so brightly!"

1 Peter 2:13–17

Respect =

treating others, their things,
and themselves with kindness
and care

1 Peter 2:17

*"Show proper respect
to everyone. Love the
family of believers.
Have respect for
God..."*

Respect means treating others with special care and kindness because God made them! Peter tells us that as followers of Jesus, we should show respect to everyone we meet—even when it's hard or when we don't agree.

Showing Love and Respect Every Day

When you choose to obey and do what's right, your kindness is super powerful! It shows everyone how wonderful God really is. You can show respect everywhere you go. Look at the pictures below and talk about how you can show kindness in each place.



Practice it:

Take turns making a list with a parent or friend, of people who help you (like teachers, parents, or community helpers). Practice giving an enthusiastic "High-Five!" and saying a polite, respectful phrase, like "Thank you for helping me!" or "I am ready to listen!" Try using one respectful phrase with a helper or leader today!

Fill in the missing words for this week's Bible verse

1 Peter 2:9

*But God chose you to be his people. You are _____
priests... You are God's special _____.*

Trace the words below from this week's memory verse.

ROYAL TREASURE

Parent Thought:

In 1 Peter 2:13-17, Peter reminds us that honoring authority figures and respecting everyone around us is one of the clearest ways we show God's love to the world. Even at a young age, teaching our preschoolers to listen to teachers, obey parents, and speak politely builds a strong foundation for honoring God. When we model everyday respect and celebrate our children's heart for others, we show them that treating people with kindness brings glory to King Jesus.

Catch your child showing unprompted respect this week—like saying "thank you" to a helper, listening the first time, or using kind words—and praise them by saying: "I love how respectful you were! That brings so much joy to God's heart!"

1 Peter 2:18–20



Try this: Cross your arms, squeeze your fists tight, and try to smile big at the same time. It feels a little silly and tough, right? Doing the right thing when someone is unkind or unfair can feel the exact same way—everything in us wants to complain, yell, or act mean back!

1 Peter 2:19
“Suppose a person suffers pain unfairly because they want to obey God. This is worthy of praise.”

It is easy to be nice to people who are being nice to us. But Peter writes that God notices when you choose to be patient, respectful, and kind—even when a friend, sibling, or leader is being unfair or hard to deal with.

Doing What Pleases God

Read each statment below. Color the happy face or the sad face to show which is a reaction that pleases God.

Throwing a Fit



Taking a deep breath and staying calm.



Saying kind words when someone is mean



Saying mean words



Complaining when you don't like something



Doing what is right when it's hard



Pray with your child: Dear God, sometimes it is really hard to be kind when things feel unfair. Please help my heart be patient and calm. Help me make good choices that make You proud every day. Amen.

Color the words of this week's memory verse.

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PEOPLE.

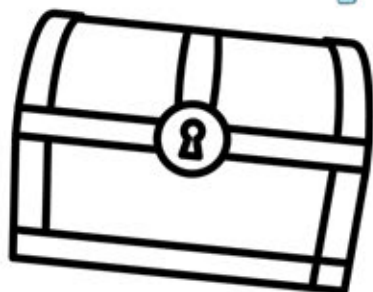
YOU ARE

ROYAL

PRIESTS...

YOU ARE GOD'S SPECIAL

TREASURE.



1 PETER 2:9

Parent Thought:

One of the hardest lessons for young children (and adults!) to grasp is responding with grace when treated unfairly. Whether it's a sibling taking a toy, a strict rule, or an unfair situation on the playground, 1 Peter 2:19 reminds us that choosing patience and obedience when it's tough brings joy to God's heart.

When your child encounters a moment of frustration or perceived unfairness this week, coach them through a "pause and breathe" moment. Validate their feelings, but celebrate when they choose self-control by saying: *"I know that was hard, but I saw you stay calm! That was a super brave, God-honoring choice!"*

1 Peter 2:21-25

Have you ever tried to walk in grown-up shoes, or step directly into giant footprints in the snow or mud? You have to look closely and place your feet right where theirs went! The Bible says Jesus left us special footprints to follow! Even though Jesus never made wrong choices, lied, or hurt anyone, He was willing to go through hard and hurt feelings because He loves us so much. He showed us how to do good, no matter what!

Follow His Example

When someone is unkind or things are hard, you can step right into Jesus' footprints by doing what He would do:

Forgiving quickly: Choosing to say "I forgive you" when someone makes a mistake.

Doing good anyway: Helping, sharing, and loving others even when they don't do it back.

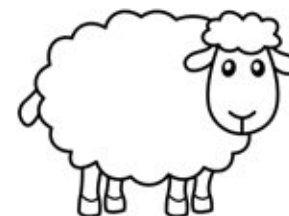
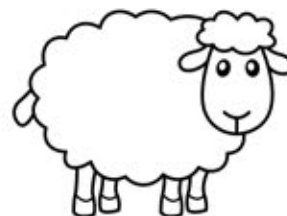
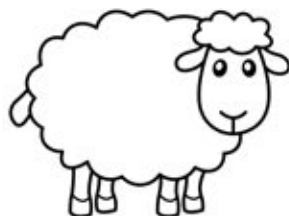
Trusting God: Knowing that Jesus understands how you feel and is right beside you to help you stay strong.

Draw footprints inside of these footprints. Imagine you are walking in Jesus' footprints.



1 Peter 2:25

"You were like sheep wandering away...But now you have returned to the Shepherd."



Walk Like Jesus!

1 Peter 2:21

"You were chosen to do good even if you suffer. That's because Christ suffered for you. He left you an example that he expects you to follow."

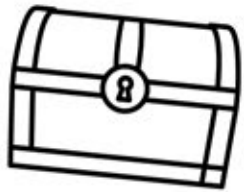
Like lost sheep, everyone sometimes wanders off and makes wrong choices. But Jesus loved us so much that He took the punishment for our wrong choices so we could be healed, made whole, and brought back close to God!

Trace the memory verse for this week.

But God chose
you to be his people.



You are royal
priests... You are God's



special treasure.

1 PETER 2:9

Parent Thought:

As parents, we naturally want to shield our children from hurt, unfairness, and difficulty. Yet 1 Peter 2:21 reminds us that Christ's sacrificial love serves as our ultimate template. When our kids experience tough situations, we have the opportunity to point them to Jesus—the innocent Savior who chose love and obedience even through pain.

1 Peter 3:1-6

What makes something beautiful?

Have you ever dressed up in fancy clothes, put on a fun hat, or picked out your favorite colorful shirt? It's fun to wear neat things on the outside! But the Bible tells us that the most important kind of beauty isn't fancy hair, pretty clothes, or bright jewelry. True beauty comes straight from your heart! God looks at who you are on the inside, and He loves when you have a gentle, kind, and peaceful spirit.



1 Peter 3:4

"Instead, your beauty comes from inside you. It is the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit. Beauty like this doesn't fade away. God places great value on it."

Clothes get dirty and toys break, but the beauty inside your heart never fades away! God places super high value on a gentle and kind spirit. When you act like Jesus, people can look at your heart and see how wonderful God is!

When you love Jesus, His goodness shines right through you. You show inner beauty when you:

Show gentle kindness:

Using soft, loving words when talking to your family and friends.

Keep a calm heart:

Choosing peace and patience instead of getting loud or upset when things don't go your way.

Do good deeds:

Helping others with a happy, willing heart without even needing to say a word!

1 PETER 3:8

Finally, I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble.

This week's Bible verse is 1 Peter 3:8. As a family, come up with some fun actions or a tune to sing to help you learn the verse together.



The Mirror Heart:

Stand in front of a mirror
and give your best big,
silly smile!

Put your hands over your
heart and think of one kind
thing you can do today
(like sharing a toy or
giving a hug).

Say out loud: "God loves
a kind heart!"

Parent Thought:

In a culture obsessed with outward appearance, status, and performance, 1 Peter 3:4 offers a grounding truth for our kids: God measures beauty by the heart. Teaching young children to value gentleness, kindness, and quiet peace builds an inner strength that culture cannot take away.

Compliment character over appearance! This week, when you notice your preschooler being gentle or patient, intentionally say: "You have such a beautiful, kind heart! I love how gently you treated your friend just now."

1 Peter 3:7



Have you ever built something with a helper or played a game on a team? When you are on a team, you take care of each other! The Bible says that families are like a team working together to follow God. God wants us to treat every person in our family with extra special kindness, understanding, and deep respect.

1 Peter 3:7

"Husbands, consider the needs of your wives...So treat them with respect. Honor them as those who will share with you the gracious gift of life."

What Does Respect Look Like at Home?

Treating someone with respect means showing them that they are a valuable gift from God! When you honor the people in your home, you reflect Jesus' love to everyone around you. You can show respect to your family by:

Listening closely: Listening without interrupting when someone is speaking.

Helping out: Offering to help clean up toys or do small chores around the house.

Using kind words: Remembering to say "please," "thank you," and "I'm sorry" right away.

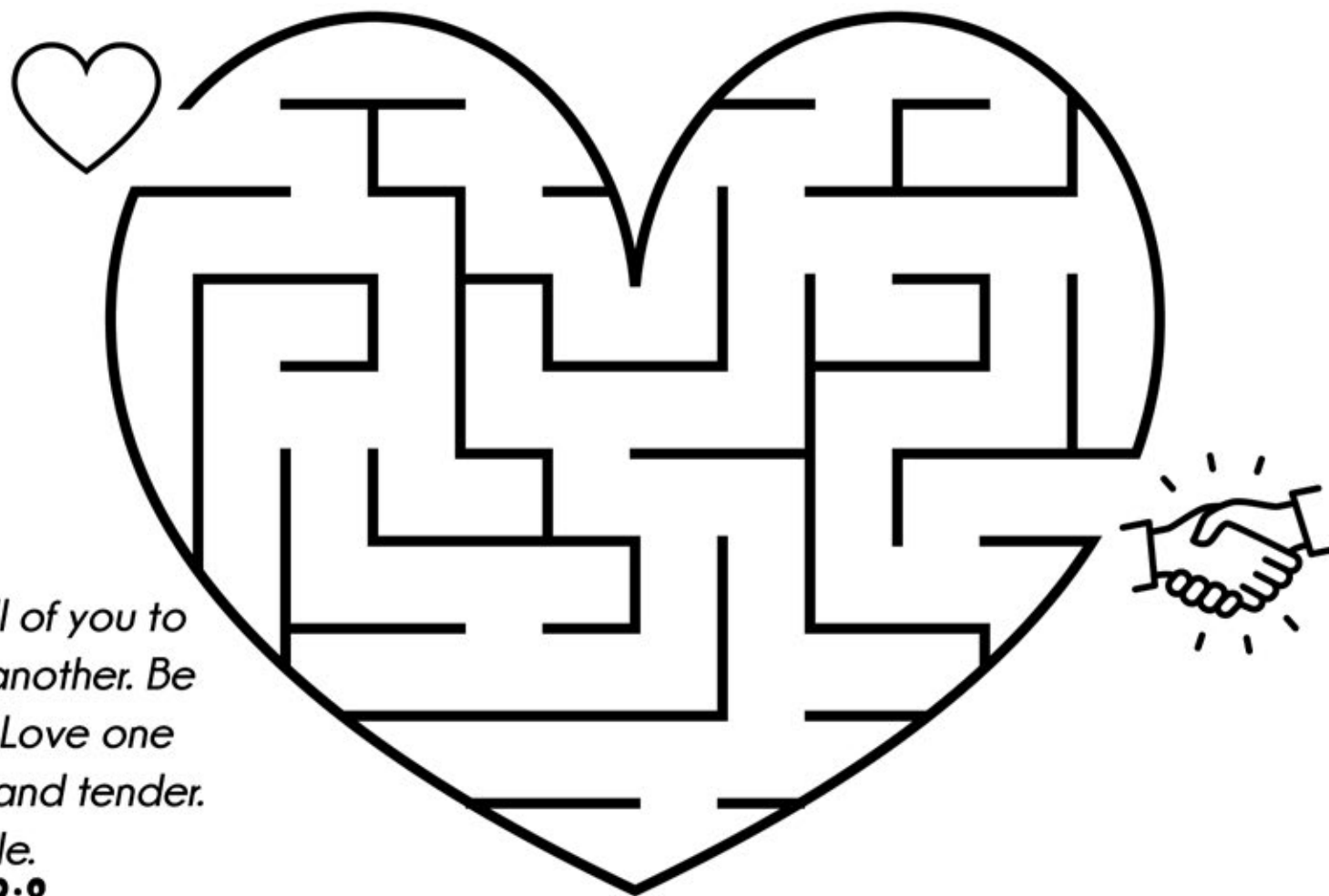
How we treat others is super important to God! Treating our family members with love and respect keeps our hearts close to God and helps our prayers stay strong. When we show honor at home, we are showing God how much we love Him, too.

Write the name of a family member (a parent, brother, or sister) in the space above.

On the trophy draw one respectful thing to do for them today—like helping pick up toys, listening the first time, or giving them a big hug!



Work through the maze to get to the heart to the hands. As you do, say the memory verse for this week and talk about how to always agree with one another in love.



Finally, I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble.
1 PETER 3:8

Parent Thought:

1 Peter 3:7 reminds us that our horizontal relationships directly impact our vertical relationship with God. When we model and teach mutual respect, honor, and gentle consideration in our households, we create a living picture of God's love for our kids.

1 Peter 3:8-12

1 Peter 3:8-9

"Finally, I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble. 9Don't pay back evil with evil. Don't pay back unkind words with unkind words. Instead, pay back evil with kind words. This is what you have been chosen to do. You will receive a blessing by doing this."

Has someone ever taken a toy from you, said something mean, or made you feel upset? When people use mean words or actions, our reaction can be to say mean things back or push them back. But Peter tells us that as followers of Jesus, we have a special job. Instead of paying back mean choices with mean choices, God wants us to give back kindness. When someone is unkind, you can give them a gentle surprise: love and kind words!



God chose you to shine His love! When someone is unkind or hard to get along with, you can choose to:

Use gentle word. Have a tender heart. Look for peace.

When you choose kind words instead of mean words, you receive a special blessing from God. Doing good keeps your tongue from speaking bad things and fills your heart with God's peace and joy.

Kind Words Echo

Stand face-to-face with a parent or sibling. Have your partner say a silly, slightly grumpy word (like "Grump!").

"Pay it back" by giving them a big smile and a super sweet compliment (like "I love playing with you!" or "You are a great helper!").

Take turns turning grumpy moments into sweet words!

Pray with your child:

Dear God, thank You for choosing me to share Your love! When people say mean things or make unkind choices, help my heart stay kind and tender. Help me pay back mean choices with kind words every day. Amen.

Fill in the missing words for this week's Bible verse

1 Peter 3:8



Finally, I want all of you to _____ with one another. Be understanding. _____ one another.

_____ Be _____ and tender. Be _____. _____

Trace the words below from this week's memory verse.

KIND

HUMBLE

Parent Thought:

Peter 3:8-9 gives us a radical model for relationships: breaking the cycle of retaliation with unexpected grace. For preschoolers, learning not to hit back, yell back, or respond with unkindness is one of the most foundational ways they can experience and demonstrate the Gospel.

1 Peter 3:13-17

Jesus is the Captain of Your Heart



Imagine a big ship sailing on the water! Every ship has a captain who guides the wheel and decides where to go.

When Jesus is the captain of your heart, He leads your choices and gives you joy, confidence, and peace—even when the water gets bumpy. You don't have to feel afraid because Jesus is right there steering you.

When you let Jesus be the captain of your heart, other people will notice how kind, happy, and loving you are. They might get curious and ask, "Why are you so happy?" or "Why do you love Jesus so much?"

1 Peter 3:15

"But make sure that in your hearts you honor Christ as Lord. Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope you have. Be ready to give the reason for it. But do it gently and with respect."

God wants us to be ready to tell everyone the great news about Jesus! But when we answer, Peter reminds us to do it in a very special way:

Be gentle

Be respectful

Share your hope

When you share about Jesus gently, people can feel His love through your words! Sharing with kindness opens people's hearts to know who Jesus really is.

Pray with your child:

Dear God, thank You for letting Jesus be the captain of my heart! Help me to be brave and ready to tell others about Your love, and help me always say my words gently and respectfully. Amen.

The Captain's Wheel

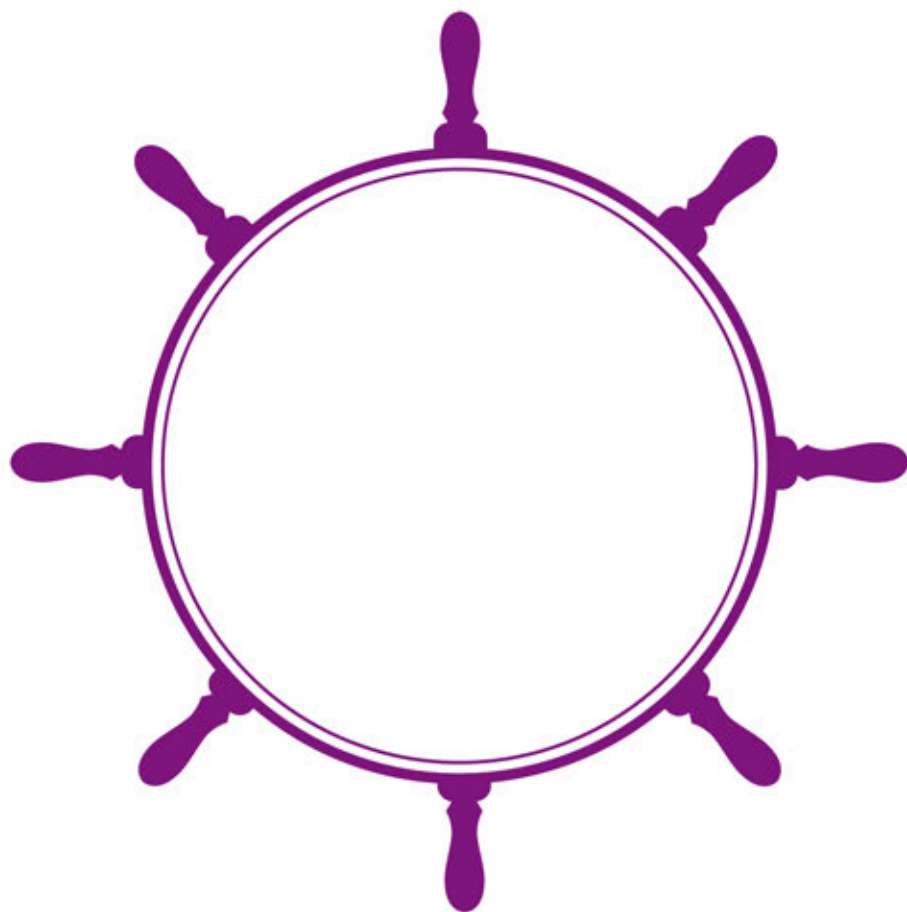
In the center of the wheel, draw a heart with a cross inside to show that Jesus is the Captain.

Around the handles, draw or write kind ways you can tell others about Jesus (like drawing a smiling face, a listening ear, or a heart for love!).

1 PETER 3:8

Finally, I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding.

Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble.



Parent Thought:

1 Peter 3:15 encourages us to cultivate hearts that honor Christ as Lord so that our hope shines naturally to those around us. For a preschooler, witnessing to others isn't about complex theology—it's about learning to share the simple joy and love of Jesus with a gentle, humble spirit rather than pride or pushiness.

Help your child craft a simple, 1-sentence answer for why they love Jesus (e.g., "Because Jesus takes care of me!"). Practice saying it together with smiles and gentle voices so they feel confident and excited to share.

1 Peter 3:18-22



Imagine you accidentally knocked over a special toy or vase, and it broke into pieces. You couldn't fix it by yourself, and you felt so sad. But then someone who did nothing wrong stepped in with a big smile, fixed it completely, and made everything right again.

That is what Jesus did for us! Even though Jesus was completely perfect and never did anything wrong, He took the blame for our wrong choices so our hearts could be forgiven and clean.

Because Jesus won the ultimate victory over sin and death, you never have to be afraid! Jesus went up to heaven and sits at the right hand of God, where He is total King over everything.



1 Peter 3:18

"Christ also suffered once for sins. The one who did what is right suffered for those who don't do right. He suffered to bring you to God..."

Jesus did what was right.

He showed pure love and perfect obedience every single day. Draw a picture of love.

Jesus rescued us.

He took away all our wrong choices on the cross. Draw a picture of a cross.

Jesus came back to life.

God's Spirit brought Him back to life so we can be close to God forever! Draw a picture of you next to God.

Trace the memory verse for this week.

Finally, I want all of
you to agree with one
another. Be
understanding. Love one
another. Be kind and
tender. Be humble.



 **1 PETER 3:8**

Parent Thought:

1 Peter 3:18 is a concise summary of the Gospel: the righteous one suffering for the unrighteous to bring us into a vibrant, unbroken relationship with God. Children understand the grace of having someone step in to help fix a mess they couldn't repair on their own.

When your child makes a mistake or makes a mess this week, use the moment to demonstrate grace. As you help them clean it up together, remind them: "Just like we fix this mess together, Jesus steps in with love to forgive us and bring us close to God!"

1 Peter 4:1-6

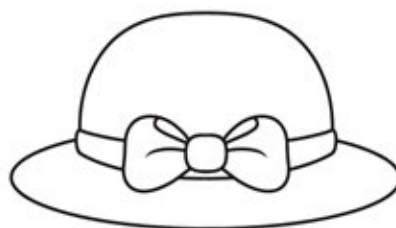
1 Peter 4:1-2

"...So prepare yourselves to think in the same way Christ did... 2As a result, they don't live the rest of their earthly life for evil human desires. Instead, they live to do what God wants."

Have you ever put on a special hat, like a cozy winter beanie or a shiny party hat?

When you put it on, it changes how you look and feel!

The Bible tells us to get ready by thinking the same way Jesus thought. Instead of doing whatever selfish thing we want to do—like throwing a fit or grabbing toys—we put on our "Jesus thinking cap" and ask: "What does God want me to do right now?"



When you choose to live for God, Jesus gives you a strong mind and a loving heart! Even when making the right choice feels hard, Jesus is right there with you to help you choose what pleases Him. Because you follow Jesus, your choices will look different from other people, and that's okay! You get to live your life doing what pleases God.

A new way to live: Learning about Jesus changes your choices—you get to speak kindly, tell the truth, and share.

Standing out for good: Sometimes others might not understand why you choose to be so nice, but Jesus helps you stay strong.

Making God happy: Instead of following selfish wants, you choose to love and obey God every day.

1 PETER 4:8

Most of all, love one another deeply. Love erases many sins by forgiving them.

This week's Bible verse is 1 Peter 4:8. As a family, come up with some fun actions or a tune to sing to help you learn the verse together.



The "Thinking Cap" Choice

Draw a big Party/Superhero hat. At the top, write "My Jesus Thinking Cap!"

- Beside the hat, draw two big circles side-by-side:
- In Circle 1, draw a Sad Face for selfish choices (like grabbing a toy or yelling).
- In Circle 2, draw a Happy Face with a Crown for God's way (like sharing or using kind words).
- Put a big green checkmark through the Happy Face circle to show that you choose to think and live like Jesus!



Parent Thought:

1 Peter 4:1-2 reminds us that living for God requires intentional mental preparation—arming ourselves with the mindset of Christ. Preschoolers naturally operate on impulse and immediate desires, but we can begin teaching them to pause, think like Jesus, and intentionally choose God's way over self-gratification.

1 Peter 4:7-9

God's Love Erases Our Sins

Have you ever drawn a picture and made a big mistake with your pencil? You don't have to throw the paper away—you can take an eraser and wipe that mistake completely clean.

That is what God's amazing love does for us! Because God loves us so much, He sent Jesus to take away all of our wrong choices and sins. When we ask God to forgive us, His deep love erases our sins so they are completely gone.



1 Peter 4:8
"Most of all, love one another deeply. Love erases many sins by forgiving them."

Stretching Your Love to Forgive Others

Because God erased all of our sins, He asks us to stretch our love out super far to forgive others, too! Imagine a runner stretching out their arms as far as they can to reach the finish line. The Bible says our love for others should stretch out super far, too. When we love people deeply, we stretch our hearts to forgive them whenever they make a mistake. When a friend or sibling makes a mistake, you can show them God's love by:

Choosing to say "It's okay, I forgive you!" when someone hurts your feelings.

Choosing not to stay mad, just like God doesn't stay mad at us.

Opening your heart and playing together without complaining.

God's love for you is bigger than any mistake you could ever make. When you forgive others, you are showing them a picture of how God erases our sins with His giant, unconditional love.

Pray with your child:

Dear God, thank You for loving me so much and erasing all my sins through Jesus. Help me to love others deeply and forgive my friends quickly, just like You forgive me every day. Amen.





Fill in the missing words for this week's Bible verse

1 Peter 4:8

*Most of all, _____ one another deeply. _____
erases many sins by forgiving them.*

The Love Eraser

Draw a big, bright Heart.

Using a pencil, write the word "SIN" or draw small pencil scribbles inside the heart to represent wrong choices.

Take a real pencil eraser and rub away all the pencil marks until the heart is totally clean!

Color the heart bright red or pink and write "GOD LOVES ME" across it to remind you that God's love erases our sins completely!

Parent Thought:

1 Peter 4:8 points us to the heart of the Gospel: God's fervent love that covers and wipes away our sins through Jesus. For a preschooler, understanding that God wipes away their wrong choices provides a secure foundation to extend that same grace and forgiveness to others.

1 Peter 4:10-11



Have you ever opened a birthday present wrapped in shiny paper with a bow on top? Those presents are super fun, but God gave you a different kind of special gift. God's Holy Spirit gives every single follower of Jesus special talents, abilities, and strengths.

God didn't give you these gifts so you could show off or make yourself look cool. He gave them to you so you can serve and help others—and bring praise to Jesus.

1 Peter 4:10-11

"God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others... 11...Then in all things God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Glory and power belong to him for ever and ever. Amen."

In verse 11, God shows us special ways to use our gifts to help others:

Speaking God's Words:

Using your voice to say kind, helpful, and gentle words that share God's truth.

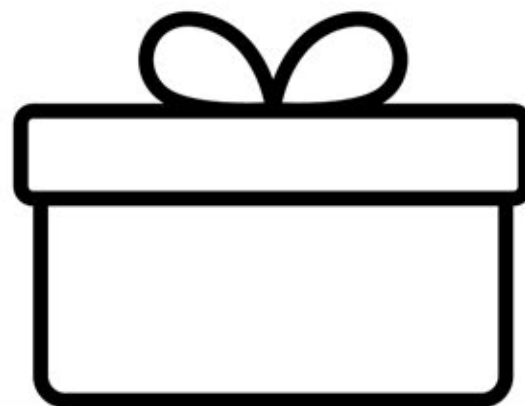
Serving with God's strength:

Using your hands and body to help others with all the energy God gives you.

Praising Jesus in Everything:

Sharing your gifts with love so that Jesus gets all the glory and praise.

Inside the box, draw your hands or a smiling mouth to show how you can speak kind words and help with God's strength. Draw yellow light rays shining all out around the box like a big flashlight. Color the box bright colors



Color the words of this week's memory verse.

MOST OF ALL,
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
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MANY SINS BY
FORGIVING THEM.

1 PETER 4:8

Parent Thought:

1 Peter 4:10-11 reminds us that spiritual gifts are given by God's grace for two primary purposes: serving others and glorifying God. Verse 11 breaks these down into speaking with God's words and serving with God's strength. When we teach preschoolers that their words and actions are powered by God, they learn to rely on Him to bless others.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Imagine playing a game of soccer when someone on the other team steals the ball. You wouldn't throw your hands up and say, "Wait! Why are they taking the ball from me?!" Of course not—that's just part of the game!

Peter tells us that following Jesus can be a bit like that. When you choose kindness, honesty, and love, some people might tease you, leave you out, or not understand. Peter says: don't be surprised! Facing tough times for following Jesus isn't weird or strange—it just means you are standing out for Him.



1 Peter 4:12-13

"Dear friends, don't be surprised by the terrible things happening to you. The trouble you are having has come to test you. So don't feel as if something strange were happening to you. 13Instead, be joyful that you are taking part in Christ's sufferings. Then you will have even more joy when Christ returns in glory."

Shining Bright Like Pure Gold

In the original language that Peter wrote in, the first sentence more closely translated says, "Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you." (NIV) Peter uses the words "fiery ordeal." Long ago, goldsmiths would put rough gold into a hot fire to melt away all the dirt, leaving behind pure, shiny, beautiful gold!



When you go through hard times and choose to stick with Jesus anyway, it works just like that fire.

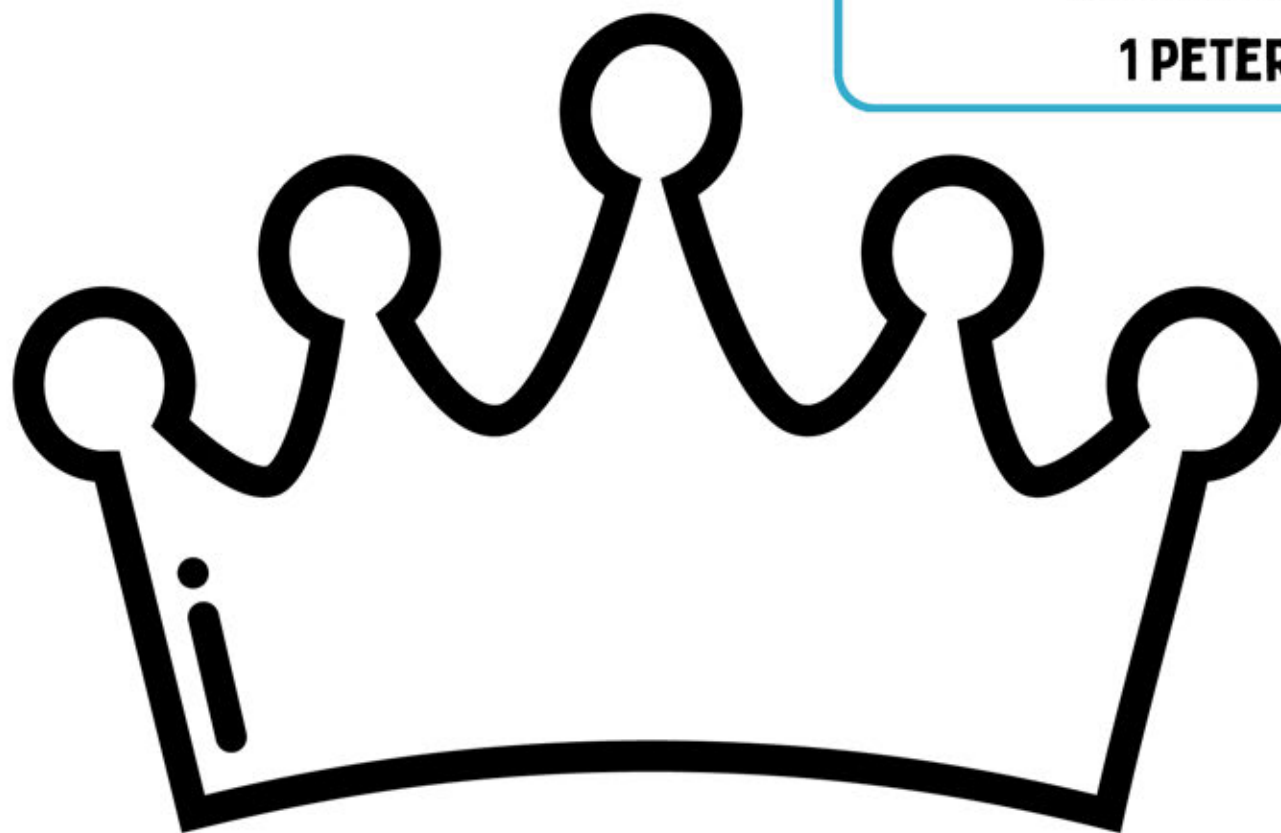
- **Burns away bad choices:** It helps us throw away selfishness and complaining.
- **Builds strong faith:** It teaches our hearts to trust Jesus more and more.
- **Makes you shine:** Choosing love when it's hard lets your faith shine bright for everyone to see.

Draw small dirt smudges (using a pencil or brown crayon) inside the crown to represent tough times or grumpy feelings. Use a yellow or gold crayon to color over the crown, "melting away" the dirt until the whole crown glows bright yellow.

Don't forget to practice this week's memory verse also!

Most of all, love one another deeply. Love erases many sins by forgiving them.

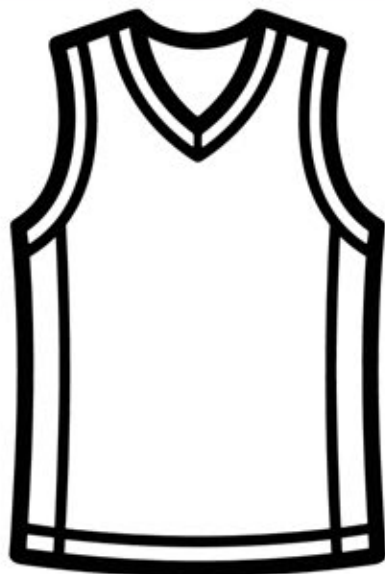
1 PETER 4:8



Parent Thought:

1 Peter 4:12-13 reminds us that trials and social friction aren't signs that something has gone wrong; rather, they are refining fires that purify our faith. Preschoolers often experience their first tastes of "fiery trials" when peers tease them for sharing, excluding them, or acting selfishly. We can reframe these moments not as defeats, but as opportunities for their faith to shine like gold.

1 Peter 4:14–19



Have you ever worn a special sticker, jersey, or badge that showed what team you play on?

It lets everyone know who you belong to.

The Bible says that when people pick on you or say unkind things because you follow Jesus—like standing up for a friend, sharing, or praying—it's like wearing a shiny badge that shows you belong to God's team. You don't have to feel sad or ashamed. You are blessed, and God's Holy Spirit rests on you to give you peace, strength, and courage.

Draw a cross or a heart or write "Jesus" on the jersey as you decorate it to show you are on Jesus' team.

Peter tells us there is a big difference between getting in trouble for doing wrong and facing hard times for doing good. If we get in trouble for being bossy, breaking rules, or lying, that's just facing the result of a wrong choice.

But if someone picks on you just because you are choosing love, truth, and kindness, you can praise God. You can give all your hurt feelings and worries right to God, like handing a heavy backpack to a loving parent who carries it for you.

Carrying the name of Jesus is the greatest honor! When you stand strong for Him, God promises to protect your heart and give you the Holy Spirit to live in you.

1 Peter 4:14 & 16

"Suppose people say bad things about you because you believe in Christ. Then you are blessed, because God's Spirit rests on you...16 praise God because you are known by the name of Christ."

Good Choice Check-Up!

Put a Checkmark (✓) next to the ones where someone is standing strong for Jesus, and an (X) next to the ones where someone is just facing a consequence for a bad choice.

- ☐ Maya gets sent to time-out because she pushed her brother when she was mad.
- ☐ Ethan sits out of a game because his friends started cheating and playing unfair.
- ☐ Leo gets teased by kids on the playground because he prays over his snack before eating.
- ☐ Chloe gets her toy taken away because she told a lie about who broke the crayon.

Trace the memory verse for this week.

Most of all, love
one another deeply.
Love erases many
sins by forgiving
them.



1 PETER 4:8

Parent Thought:

1 Peter 4:14-19 helps us guide our children through the crucial difference between experiencing the natural consequences of misbehavior versus facing social resistance for godly choices. When preschoolers learn early on that standing strong for righteousness brings God's presence and blessing, they build a resilient foundation that isn't shaken by peer pressure.

1 Peter 5:1-4

1 Peter 5:1-2

"I'm speaking to the elders among you...2Be shepherds of God's flock, the believers under your care. Watch over them, though not because you have to. Instead, do it because you want to. That's what God wants you to do..."



Draw a picture of what this verse says that elders, or leaders in the Church, should be like?

Have you ever helped someone that is younger than you? Maybe you've held your sibling's hand when you were crossing the street. Or maybe you helped read a story or played with a friend.

This is a little bit like being a caring leader.

In 1 Peter 5:1-4, Peter tells leaders to take care of God's people like a shepherd takes care of a flock of sheep. A shepherd takes care of sheep by making sure that they are safe, fed, and looked after. Jesus is our great Shepherd. He takes care of us and He wants us to follow His example by loving others and helping to care for those around us.

You don't have to wait until you're grown up to care for others and show God's love. When you follow Jesus' example, you can show others what God is like and lead them to Him. That isn't always an easy thing to do, but the Holy Spirit—God's wise, powerful, and loving presence—gives us the strength and help we need.

1 PETER 5:7

Turn all your worries
over to Him.

He cares
about you.

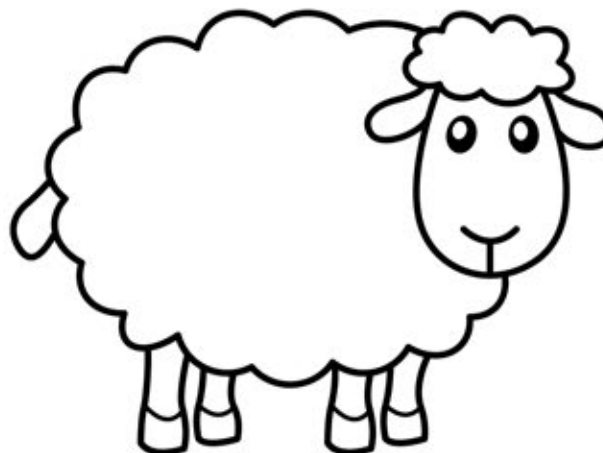


This week's Bible verse is
1 Peter 5:7. As a family,
come up with some fun
actions or a tune to sing to
help you learn the verse
together.



Next to the sheep, draw a shepherd's staff
(a long stick with a curve at the top!)

Draw little green grass and bright flowers all around to show how
the shepherd takes good care of the sheep.



I can be a caring leader.

Parent Thoughts:

1 Peter 5:1-4 reminds us that spiritual leadership is rooted in willing, loving care rather than force or obligation. Preschoolers are eager to take on "big kid" roles. By framing leadership around the heart of a shepherd who willingly protects and cares for others, we teach them that true leadership is about joyful service. Take a moment and pray for your child. Ask God to fill them with the Holy Spirit and help them love others the way He has loved them.

1 Peter 5:5-7

Sometimes we worry. Maybe you are nervous about the first day of school, sleeping in a new place, or trying something hard.

God tells us to be humble and to give all our worries to Him because He cares for us.

Being humble means not thinking you are better than other people. It starts with us admitting that we can't do things on our own - we need God's help.

Give Your Worries to God!

Have you ever tried to pick up a backpack that was way too heavy? (Ugh! So heavy!) After a little while, your arms get tired and you just want to put it down.

Worry is like a giant, heavy backpack! Every time we feel scared or worried about something, it feels like adding another heavy toy or rock into that bag.

God doesn't want your little shoulders to carry that big, heavy bag! He holds out His big, strong hands and says, "Let Me hold that for you!" Whenever you feel worried, you can pray and give your heavy bag straight to God.

He's got it, and He is taking great care of you!

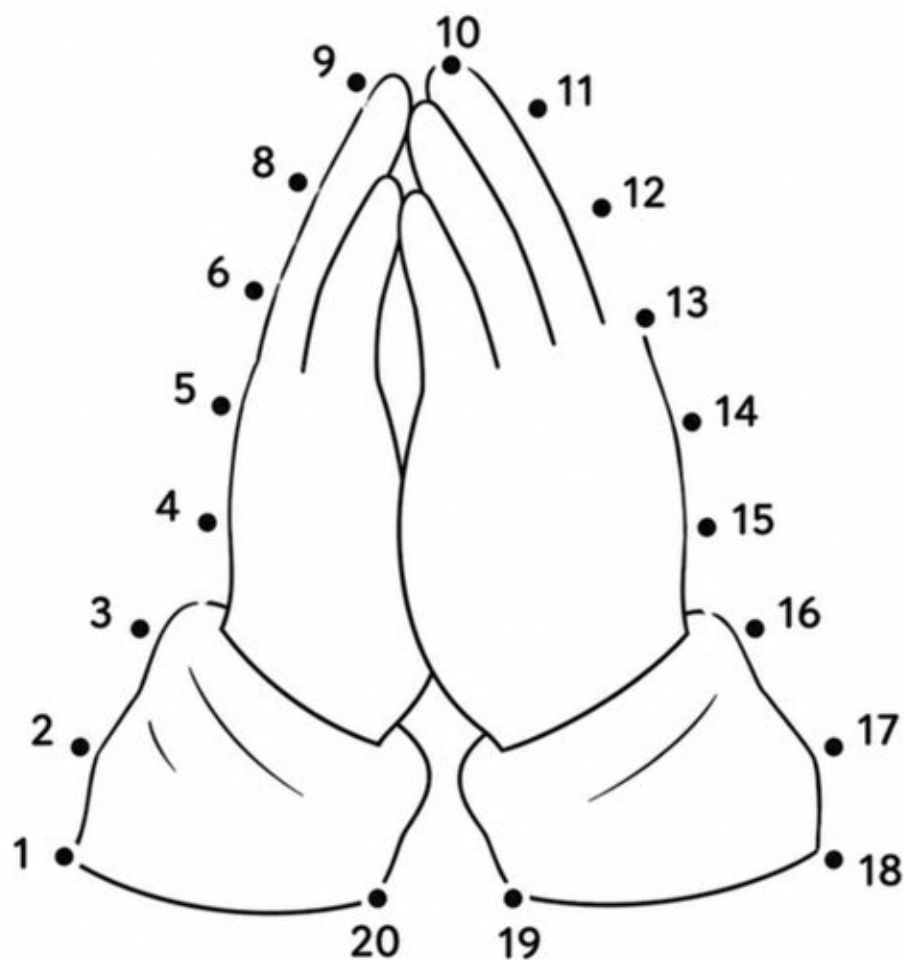
You can always talk to God. He listens when you pray, and He loves you very much. Nothing is too small or too big to tell Him about.

1 Peter 5:6-7

"So make yourselves humble. Put yourselves under God's mighty hand. Then He will honor you at the right time. Turn all your worries over to him. He cares about you."

As you color the picture, take a moment and talk about some of the worries you can give to God. Then, pray together and ask God to help you with your worries.





Follow the dots to complete the picture.
 God loves you so much and cares about things that
 bothering you. No matter what you are feeling, you can
 always talk to Him about it.

1 PETER 5:7

**Turn all your worries
 over to Him. He
 cares about you.**



Don't forget to practice this week's memory verse!

Parent Thought:

1 Peter 5:6-7 shows us that true humility means laying down our pride and rolling our anxieties onto God's strong shoulders. Preschoolers carry real, heavy emotions—fear of the dark, anxiety about being separated from you, or frustration when things go wrong. When we teach them to pass their heavy "backpacks" of worry to God, we give them a lifelong anchor in the constant, tender care of their Heavenly Father.

Practice a physical "worry drop" together! When your preschooler expresses fear or worry this week, have them pretend to take off a heavy backpack and hand it up to God. Say together: "God, this is too heavy for me, but You are super strong! I give this worry to You because You care for me."

1 Peter 5:8-9

1 Peter 5:8-9

"Be watchful and control yourselves. Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to swallow up. 9 Stand up to him. Remain strong in what you believe. You know that you are not alone..."

Have you ever played "Red Light, Green Light" or another game where you had to pay close attention? Being alert helps you know what to do next. Peter tells us to be watchful because the devil wants to tempt us to make wrong choices. But we do not have to be afraid. When we stay close to Jesus, read God's Word, pray, and obey Him, He helps us stand strong. When someone wants you to be unkind or disobey, you can choose what is right. Jesus is always with you and gives you strength.



Color the pictures that show someone making good choices.



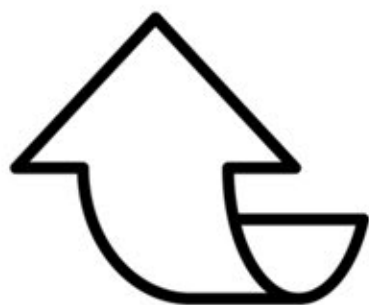
Color in the Bible verse below. Once you are finished, practice saying the verse a few times.

TURN YOUR WORRIES

OVER TO HIM

HE CARES

ABOUT YOU. 1 PETER 5:7



Parent Thought:

1 Peter 5:8-9 reminds us that our spiritual adversary actively looks for opportunities to discourage us, but we can stand firm by trusting in God and staying alert. Preschoolers easily understand the idea of a wild animal looking for trouble—and while we never want to instill fear, we can empower them with confidence. When we teach our children to stand strong, use God's Word, and remember they aren't alone, we equip them to resist fear, mean behavior, and temptation with courage.

1 Peter 5:10-11

1 Peter 5:10

"...Then God himself will build you up again. He will make you strong and steady. And he has chosen you to share in his eternal glory because you belong to Christ."

Learning something new takes time. Maybe you have learned to tie your shoes, write your name, or ride a bike. At first it can be hard, but with help you get stronger and better.

Peter reminds us that God is with us even when life is difficult. He will use the challenging times in our lives to make us stronger. As we stay close to God and get to know Him better, He will help us to grow to become more like Him. He will give us strength to glorify Him no matter what hard things we may face.



Whenever something feels hard, remember that God is working in your life. He never leaves His children. He is strong, and He helps us every day.



Whatever challenge you are facing today, God is right there beside you to make you strong and steady!

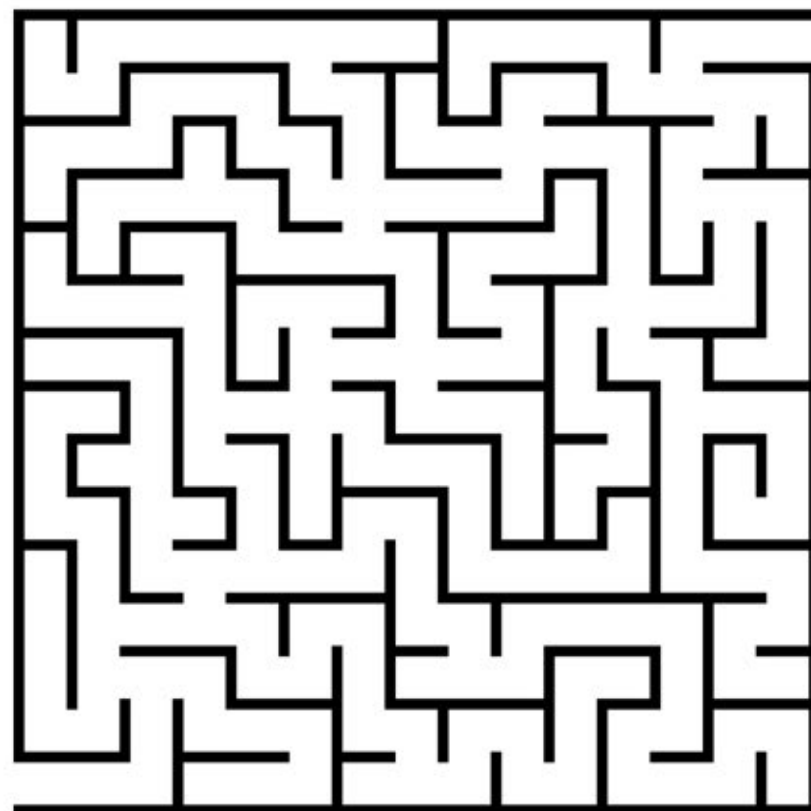
God Builds you up.

God Gives you Strength.

God Keeps you Steady.

God loves us and cares about us. He is always there to help us and give us strength to follow Him.

Just like life can have some challenging moments, finding your way out of a maze can be tricky.



1 PETER 5:7

Turn all your worries
over to Him. He
cares about you.



Look at the pictures below. These are a few examples of things that might cause us to worry. Our Bible verse this week reminds us that we can give God our worries because He cares about us.

Take some time to pray and talk to God about things that are troubling you.



Parent Thought:

1 Peter 5:10 gives us a comforting promise: after we have suffered a little while, God Himself will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us. Preschoolers face daily frustrations as they learn physical skills, navigate big emotions, or experience minor setbacks. When we frame these daily struggles as opportunities where God builds resilience, we teach our children to lean into His strength rather than giving up.

Psalms 146:1 says, "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble." Take some time today to pray for your child that when they face challenges in life they will turn to God and lean on His strength.

1 Peter 5:12-14

1 Peter 5:12

"...I have written it to encourage you. And I have written to speak the truth about the grace of God. Remain strong in it."



Have you ever made a card, given a hug, or smiled at someone?

Small acts of kindness can make people feel loved.

At the end of his letter, Peter encourages God's people to stand firm in God's grace, greet one another with love, and enjoy the peace that comes from Jesus.

God wants us to encourage our family, friends, teachers, and neighbors.

When you share God's love, you act like a bright little light that shows people what God is really like. Saying "You did great!" or giving a friendly wave reminds someone that they matter. Helping clean up toys or holding a door shows Jesus' love in action. Praying "God bless my friend today." fills their heart with Jesus' calm peace.

When you give love and encouragement to others, Jesus fills your own heart with His peace, too. Peace means knowing deep down that God loves you and is taking great care of you.

Draw some people you can encourage in each of the following areas.

**At Home
(Family/Neighbors)**



At School (Teachers/Friends)



**At Church or In Your
Community**



Trace the memory verse for this week.

Turn all your
worries over to
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1 PETER 5:7

Parent Thought:

1 Peter 5:12-14 closes Peter's letter with a powerful charge: stand firm in grace and actively encourage one another in the peace of Christ. For a preschooler, "standing firm in grace" looks like consistently choosing kindness and passing along the peace they receive from Jesus to the people they interact with every day.

Help your preschooler pick one person to intentionally encourage this week (a grandparent, neighbor, or Sunday school teacher). Have them create a simple drawing or a card and have them deliver it to encourage someone, reminding them: "When you share kindness, you are helping them see how much God loves them!"

2 Peter 1:1-4

Have you ever needed help doing something? Maybe you needed help putting on your shoes, opening a container, or learning how to do something new. It feels good when someone helps you, doesn't it?

Peter teaches us that God gives us what we need to follow Him and to live a godly life. God gives us His power, His promises, and His love. He helps us learn about Him and grow to be more like Jesus.

2 Peter 1:3

"God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. All of this has come to us because we know the God who chose us. He chose us because of his own glory and goodness."

God wants us to know Him and trust Him. We can talk to God anytime. We can talk to Him when we are happy, sad, scared, or confused. We can also learn about Him by spending time with Him. You can spend time with Him by praying and reading His Word - the Bible. You don't have to do everything by yourself. God loves you, God is with you, and God will help you!

2 Peter 1:4

"He has also given us his very great and valuable promises..."

A promise is when someone says they will do something, and you know you can trust them 100%. Have you ever had someone promise to take you to the park or give you a big hug?

It feels so good because you know it's coming.

God's promises aren't just regular promises—the Bible says they are great and valuable! That means they are like precious gold or shiny jewels. God never breaks a promise, and He keeps every single one because He loves you so much!

When you belong to Jesus, God gives you many promises.

Circle the promise that comforts you the most.

"I am always with you!"



You are never alone—God is right beside you wherever you go.

"I will give you peace!"



When you feel scared, God makes your heart soft and calm.

"I love you forever!"

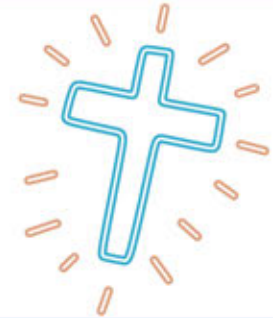


Nothing can ever stop God from loving you.

2 PETER 1:3A

God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. All of this has come to us because we know the God who chose us.

This week's Bible verse is 2 Peter 1:3a. As a family, come up with some fun actions or a tune to sing to help you learn the verse together.



"How can you talk to God and use His power when you have big feelings?"

HAPPY

SCARED

CONFUSED

Parent Thought:

2 Peter 1:3-4 reassures us that God's divine power has already given us everything we need for life and godliness through knowing Him. Through His great and precious promises, He equips us and our children to escape the worldly decay around us and share in His divine nature. Parenting preschoolers can often feel overwhelming, but God doesn't expect you to rely on your own strength—**He has already supplied every bit of patience, wisdom, and grace you need.**

2 Peter 1:5-11

As you read
through 2 Peter
1:5-7 have your
child draw an arrow
to what is added in
the Scripture.



2 Peter 1:5-7

5 "So you should try very hard to add goodness to your faith.

To goodness,



add knowledge.

6 To knowledge,

add the ability to control yourselves.

To the ability to control yourselves,

add the strength to keep going.

To the strength to keep going,

add godliness.

7 To godliness,

add kindness for one another.

And to kindness for one another,

add love."

Have you ever watched a plant grow? A tiny seed can become a big plant, but it doesn't happen all at once. It needs water, sunshine, and time. Our hearts can grow too! Peter teaches us that God wants us to keep growing to become more like Jesus. We can grow by learning about God and practicing things like being good, showing kindness, having self-control, being patient, and loving others.

You won't get everything right every time. Sometimes you may make a wrong choice. That's okay. God can help you try again and keep growing.

What is one way you can be more like Jesus today? Can you share a toy? Help someone? Use kind words? Every time you choose God's way, you are growing!



2 Peter 1:8

"All these things should describe you more and more. They will make you useful and fruitful as you know our Lord Jesus Christ better."

When you follow Jesus, special qualities like kindness, patience, and self-control are meant to describe who you are. In 2 Peter 1:8, Peter tells us that as you get to know Jesus better, these good choices should keep growing inside your heart every single day. They show everyone around you what a true follower of Jesus looks like. When kindness and love describe the way you act, you become a super useful helper for God, sharing His light and shining His love wherever you go.

Fill in the missing words for this week's Bible verse.

2 Peter 1:3a

God's _____ has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. All of this has come to us because we _____ the God who _____ us.

Parent Thought:

2 Peter 1:5-8 reminds us that spiritual growth isn't automatic—it requires intentional effort to "add to" our faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. As parents, it's easy to focus solely on managing our kids' behavior, but God calls us to help shape their character step-by-step. When we cultivate these qualities in our own lives, we model what a fruit-bearing, active relationship with Jesus looks like, ensuring our family's faith remains dynamic and effective rather than stagnant. Ask God to help your child's heart grow to be more like Jesus.

2 Peter 1:12-15

2 Peter 1:12 & 15

"So I will always remind you of these things. I'll do it even though you know them. I'll do it even though you now have deep roots in the truth...15 I hope that you will always be able to remember these things."

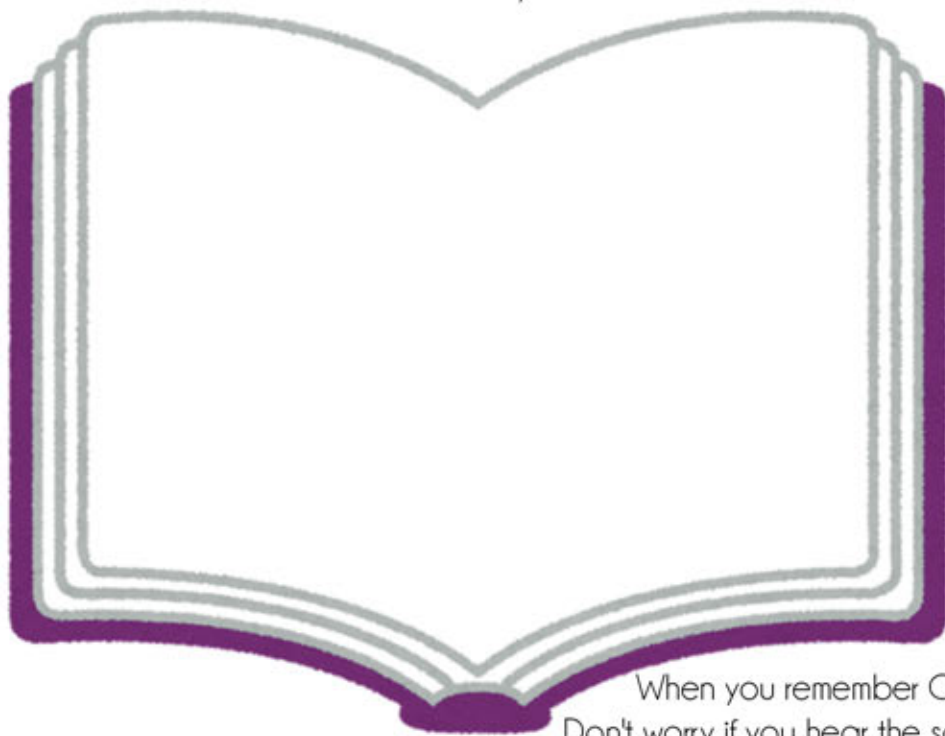
Have you ever forgotten something important? Maybe you forgot where you put your favorite toy or forgot what someone told you. Sometimes we need someone to remind us.

Peter wanted God's people to remember the truth they had learned about Jesus.

He knew that remembering God's truth was important.

We need reminders too! We hear Bible stories, sing songs about God, pray, and listen to God's Word so we can remember what is true.

Draw a picture of a Bible story you remember in the Bible below.



Memory Echo

Help your child practice using their memorization skills by creating a simple pattern - maybe clapping, stomping, or making funny movements - and then having them repeat it. For each motion, say one of the qualities from 2 Peter 1:5-7.

Goodness - Knowledge

Knowledge - Self Control

Self Control - Keep Going

Keep Going - Godliness

Godliness - Kindness

Kindness - Love

When you remember God's truth, it helps you make good choices and trust Him more. Don't worry if you hear the same Bible story many times. God's truth is always worth remembering!

Color the verse below. Memorize it while you color.

GOD'S POWER HAS GIVEN
US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO
LEAD A GODLY LIFE.
ALL OF THIS HAS COME TO US
BECAUSE WE KNOW THE
GOD WHO CHOSE US.

2 PETER 1:3A

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 1:12-15, Peter knows his time on earth is limited, so he intentionally repeats core truths so God's people will never forget them. As parents, our days with our little ones pass quickly, and our vital calling is to continually remind them of God's love and truth. By consistently weaving His Word into everyday moments, we build a foundation of faith that lasts a lifetime.

2 Peter 1:16-18

Have you ever seen something amazing and couldn't wait to tell someone about it? Maybe you saw a double rainbow, or the biggest spider ever. Take a minute and share something amazing that you've seen.



2 Peter 1:16

"We told you about the time our Lord Jesus Christ came with power. But we didn't make up clever stories when we told you about it. With our own eyes we saw him in all his majesty."

Draw a picture of something AMAZING that you've learned from the Bible.

Peter and some of Jesus' disciples saw something amazing. They saw Jesus shining with glory on a mountain! Then they heard God's voice from heaven saying that Jesus is His Son and that He is pleased with Him.

Peter wanted people to know that Jesus was not just a made-up story. Jesus is really God's Son! We may not see Jesus with our eyes like Peter did, but we can learn about Him through God's Word. We can see His love in the things He did and learn to trust Him.

Trace the memory verse for this week.

God's power has given
us everything we need
to lead a godly life. All
of this has come to us
because we know the
God who chose us.



2 PETER 1:3A

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 1:16–18, Peter insists that he didn't follow cleverly invented stories or myths—he was an eyewitness to Jesus' glory on the holy mountain. It can be easy for preschoolers to group Bible accounts alongside fairytale characters or superhero cartoons. By intentionally presenting Jesus as a real, historical figure who walked this earth, performed real miracles, and loves them today, we help our children anchor their faith in undeniable truth rather than fiction.

When reading a Bible story with your child this week, emphasize that it really happened! Try saying: "This isn't a pretend story like a cartoon—Jesus is real, and this truly happened!"

2 Peter 1:19-21

When you're in a really dark space, it is very hard to see. But, when you turn on a flashlight, you are able to shine the light and see what's in front of you.

Peter says that God's message is like a light shining in a dark place. God's Word helps us know what is true and shows us how God wants us to live.



2 Peter 1:19

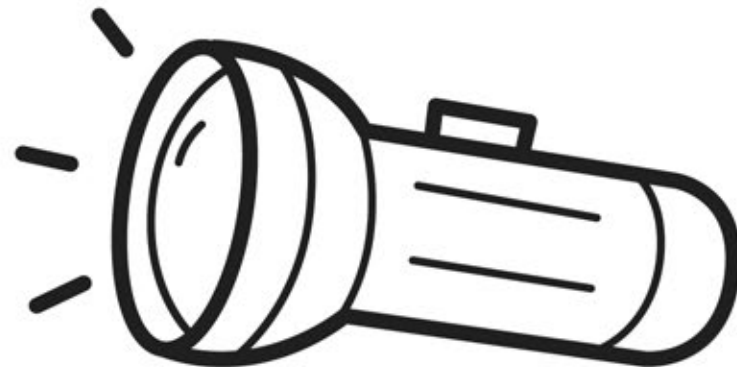
"...The message is like a light shining in a dark place. It will shine until the day Jesus comes..."

When we don't know what to do, we can ask God for help and learn what the Bible says. Just like a flashlight helps you see in the dark, God's Word helps you know which way to go.

2 Peter 1:21

"Prophecy never came simply because a prophet wanted it to. Instead, the Holy Spirit guided the prophets as they spoke..."

The Bible was written by a group of people called prophets. These prophets were regular people like you and me, but God worked through them. Just like the Holy Spirit gives us power to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helped the prophets to write the words God wanted them to share. That means we can trust the Bible because it is truly God's words to us.



Psalms 119:105 says, "Your Word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me."

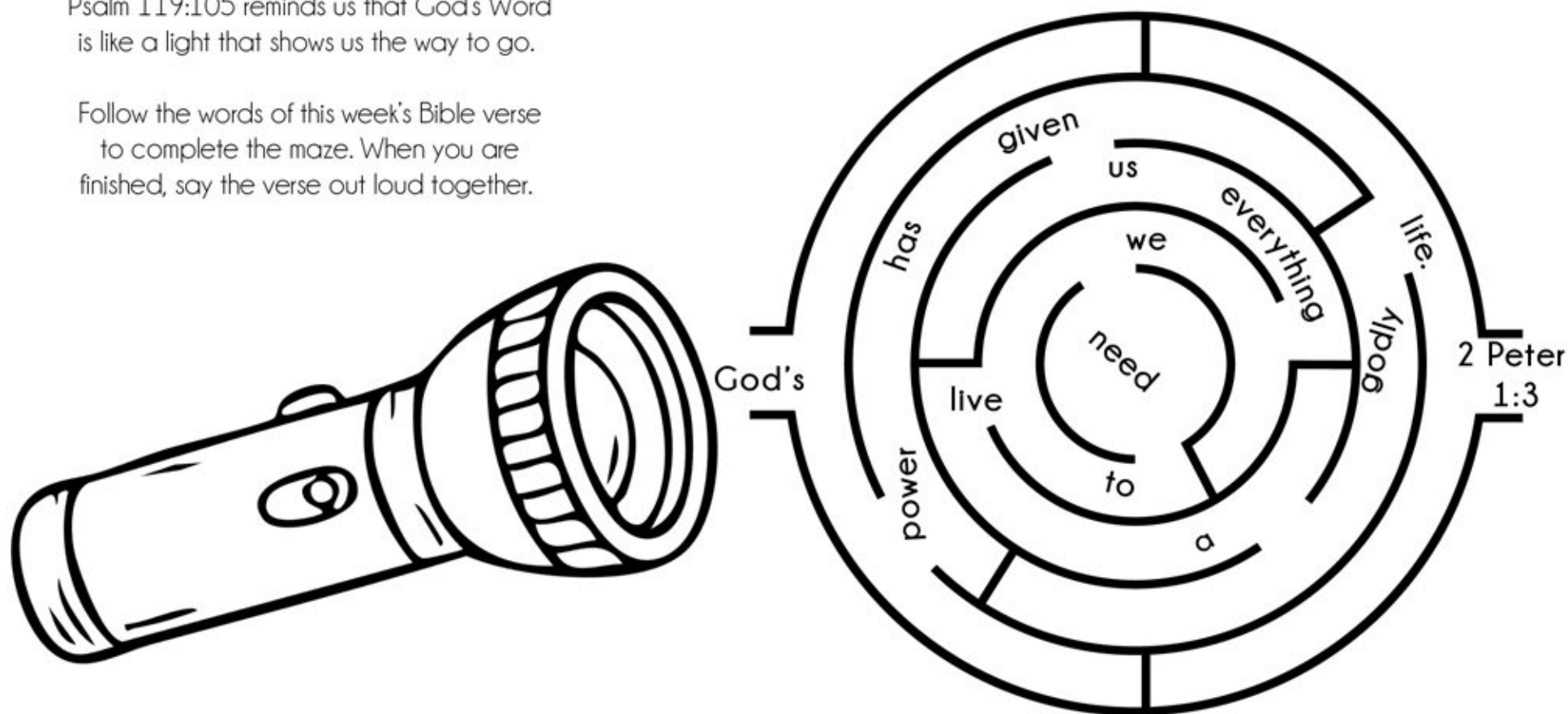
Light the Way

Put a yellow checkmark in the beam whenever you use God's Word to light your way:

- ☐ I listen to Bible stories with my family.
- ☐ I ask God to show me the right choice.
- ☐ I remember that God's Word is true.
- ☐ I memorize a Bible verse to keep in my heart.
- ☐ I choose to be kind and forgive others.

Psalm 119:105 reminds us that God's Word is like a light that shows us the way to go.

Follow the words of this week's Bible verse to complete the maze. When you are finished, say the verse out loud together.



Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 1:19-21, Peter reminds us that God's Word is like a trustworthy light shining in dark, uncertain places. When challenges arise or we don't know what to do, our kids watch closely to see where we turn for light. Whether we react in frustration, rely on our own strength, or pause to ask God for guidance, we are modeling how to navigate hard moments. By actively demonstrating a daily dependence on God and His Word, we teach our children to seek Him first whenever they feel lost or confused.

2 Peter 2:1-3

2 Peter 2:2

"Many people will follow their lead. These people will do the same evil things the false teachers do. They will cause people to think badly about the way of truth."

Have you ever played a game where someone tried to trick you with a made-up rule? That can be confusing!

Peter warns us that some people might teach things that aren't true about God. They might make up stories or try to turn people away from Jesus. But God doesn't leave us to guess what is real. He gives us the Bible, the Holy Spirit, and trusted grown-ups—like your parents, teachers, and pastors—to help us know the truth. When we listen to God's Word, we learn how to love Jesus and stay on the right path!



Look at the choices to the side. Draw a circle around the things that match what the Bible says about God.

God loves you very much!

God forgets about you when you're scared.

Jesus is kind and patient.

God's Word helps us make good choices.

We should make up our own rules instead of listening to God.

2 PETER 2:9

Since all this is true, then the Lord knows how to save godly people. He knows how to keep them safe in times of testing.

This week's Bible verse is
2 Peter 2:9.

As a family, come up with some fun actions or a tune to sing to help you learn the verse together.



Draw a picture of someone (like your mom, dad, or pastor) who helps you read the Bible and learn the truth about Jesus.

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 2:1-3, Peter warns the church against false teachers who twist the truth for selfish gain. For preschoolers, discerning truth begins with laying a solid foundation of Scripture and surrounding them with trustworthy guides. As parents, we are our children's primary source of truth about God's character. When we teach them to check everything against God's Word and build open communication in our home, we give them the spiritual discernment they need to navigate a world full of confusing messages. Whenever your child asks a big question about God or the world this week, grab a Bible together and say: "Let's see what God's Word says about that together!"

2 Peter 2:4-9

2 Peter 2:9

*"Since all this is true,
then the Lord knows how
to save godly people.
He knows how to keep
them safe in times of
testing..."*

Have you ever been stuck in a tough spot or felt a little scared?

Peter reminds us of true Bible stories, like Noah and his big ark! Even when the world around them was tricky and people made bad choices, Noah kept trusting God. Noah wasn't perfect, but God loved him and his family and rescued them. Following God doesn't mean life will always be super easy, but it means God never loses sight of you. He sees everything you go through, stays right beside you, and knows exactly how to take care of you. You can trust Him no matter what!

Noah needed to follow God's instructions to make the boat. Follow the dot to dot below and talk about how you can follow God like Noah did.

Look at the choices below and use a yellow crayon to highlight the true ways God takes care of His people. Use a red crayon to highlight the things that are not true.

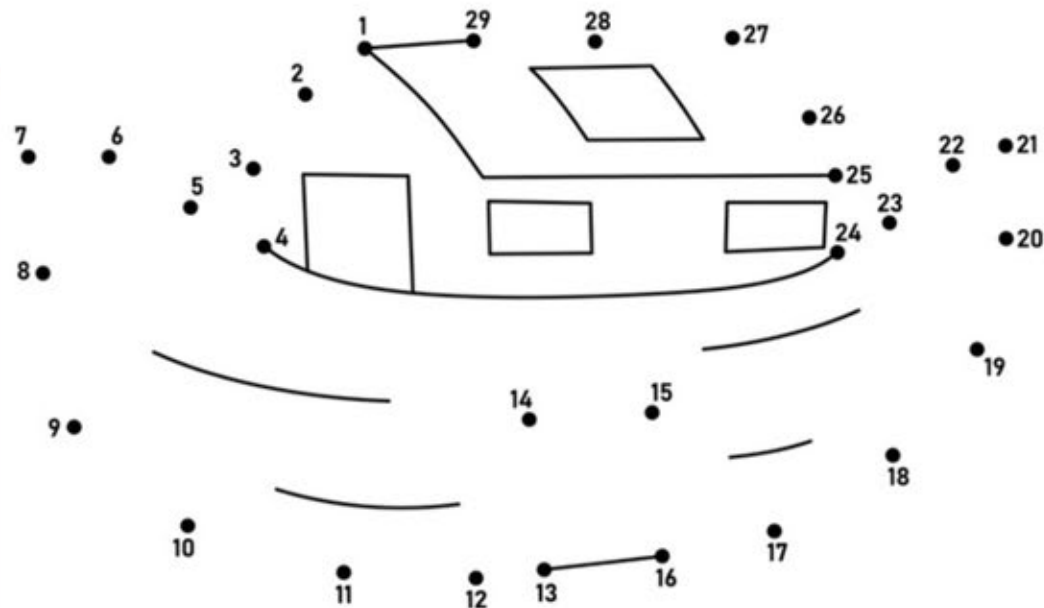
God watches over you all the time.

God forgets about you when things get hard.

God knows how to help when you are scared.

God stays close to people who trust Him.

God wants you to figure everything out all by yourself.



Color the verse below. Memorize it while you color.

SINCE ALL THIS IS TRUE, THEN THE
LORD KNOWS HOW TO
SAVE GODLY
PEOPLE. HE KNOWS HOW TO
KEEP THEM SAFE IN TIMES OF
TESTING.

2 PETER 2:9

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 2:4-9, Peter anchors our confidence in God's track record of rescue and perfect justice. Using historical accounts like Noah and Lot, Peter assures us that God never overlooks His children, nor does He turn a blind eye to wrong. For preschoolers, this passage provides deep emotional security: they don't have to be afraid when scary things happen or when others make bad choices around them. God sees every detail of their lives and is infinitely capable of protecting and guiding them through it.

2 Peter 2:10-11

2 Peter 2:10b

"...They are bold and proud. So they aren't even afraid to speak evil things against heavenly beings."

Have you ever seen someone try to act like they know everything and don't need anyone's help?

Peter warns us about people who act arrogant—people who think they are better than everyone else and use mean or rude words without caring what God says. But God shows us a much better way! Being brave isn't being bossy or rude. Being brave means obeying God and choosing kindness, even when it's hard.

Being brave is not the same as being arrogant.

BRAVE



I obey God even when it is hard.

ARROGANT



I act as if I do not need God or anyone else's correction.



Proverbs 15:1

*A gentle answer turns anger away.
But mean words stir up anger.*

Even God's angels don't use mean or insulting words! God's Word reminds us that "a gentle answer turns anger away" (Proverbs 15:1). Real strength under God's control means being humble, telling the truth, and using gentle, loving words with others!

Write or draw some words or phrases that are kind and gentle when someone is mean.

Fill in the missing words for this week's Bible verse

2 Peter 2:9

*Since all this is _____, then the Lord knows how to _____
godly people. He _____ how to keep them _____
in times of testing.*

Trace the words below from this week's memory verse.

true

knows

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 2:10-11, Peter contrasts arrogant self-reliance with true spiritual strength. False teachers push ahead with proud, insulting speech, but God calls His people to humility and self-control. For preschoolers, this distinction between arrogance and true bravery is foundational. True bravery isn't loud, bossy, or defensive—it is the strength to stay humble, listen to correction, and speak with gentle respect. When we teach our children that strength is self-control under God's authority, we help them develop Christlike character.

2 Peter 2:12-16



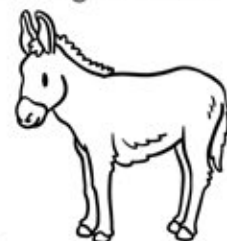
Stop
Listen
Turn

Have you ever started walking the wrong way and needed someone to help you turn back around?

2 Peter 2:15

"They have left God's way. They have wandered off. They follow the way of Balaam, son of Beor. He loved to get paid for doing his evil work."

Peter reminds us of a story about a man named Balaam who stopped following God's straight path because he wanted money and his own way instead. God even used a talking donkey to stop him and get his attention!



Sometimes our hearts want to choose "My Way" instead of "God's Way," like taking a toy that isn't ours or throwing a fit when we don't get what we want. But when we start going the wrong way, God gives us warnings—like the Bible, our parents, and our teachers—to keep us safe. Whenever we make a wrong choice, we can Stop, Listen, and Turn right back to God's good path!

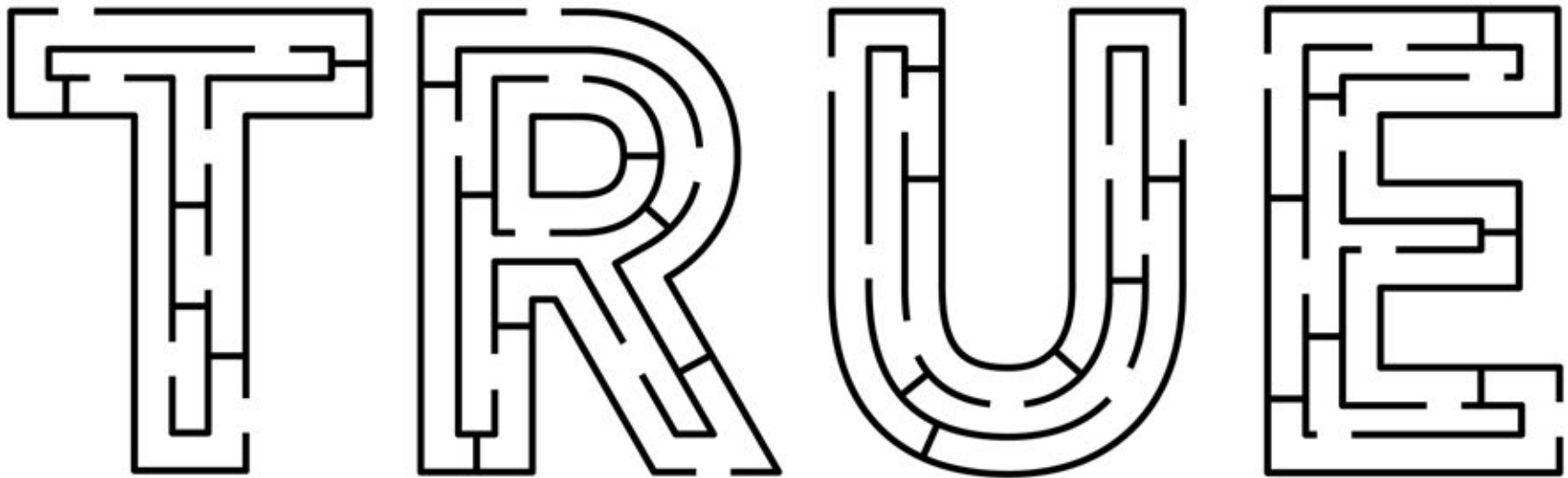
Color the path green when it shows how you can follow God's Way. Color it red when its following your way.



2 PETER 2:9

Since all this is true, then the Lord knows how to save godly people. He knows how to keep them safe in times of testing.

Practice this week's memory verse as you follow the maze and think about how God's Word is true!



Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 2:12-16, Peter warns us to not let selfish desires lead our hearts astray, pointing to Balaam as an example of choosing short-term gain over God's path. He highlights that correction is a gift designed to rescue us from harm. For preschoolers, learning how to handle correction is a crucial step in spiritual formation. When we teach our children to respond to correction by pausing, listening, and adjusting their direction, we help them understand that God's boundaries are given in love to protect and guide them.

When your child needs a course correction this week, walk them through three simple steps: Stop (pause the action), Listen (hear the instruction with a quiet heart), and Turn (make the right choice). Reinforce the moment with a gentle reminder: "God's correction is a gift because He loves you!"

2 Peter 2:17-22

2 Peter 2:19

"They promise to give freedom to these new believers. But they themselves are slaves to sinful living."

Have you ever tried to drink water out of a cup, only to find out it was completely empty? That wouldn't quench your thirst at all!

Peter compares false promises to springs without water. Sometimes people think that true freedom means doing whatever they want—like throwing a fit, taking extra treats, or ignoring rules. But doing whatever we want actually traps us in bad habits. Real freedom isn't doing whatever we feel like; real freedom is having Jesus help us choose what is right! When we follow Jesus, He gives us full hearts, helps us say "no" to sin, and leads us on His joyful path.

Look at the choices below. Circle the ways Jesus helps us live in real freedom:

Saying "Jesus helps me make good choices!"

Yelling "Nobody can tell me what to do!"

Forgiving a friend when they make a mistake

Keeping bad habits that hurt ourselves or others

Asking Jesus to help us say "no" to wrong choices

Real Freedom Comes From God.

Color the person with your favorite color. As you do, talk about how you are filled with God's love.



Trace the memory verse for this week.

Since all this is true,
then the Lord knows
how to save godly
people. He knows how
to keep them safe in
times of testing.

2 PETER 2:9

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 2:17-22, Peter warns against the deceptive lure of "empty promises"—the idea that self-indulgence brings liberty. In reality, living without godly boundaries makes us slaves to our own sin, while true freedom is found in surrendering to Christ. For preschoolers, freedom is often misunderstood as simply getting their own way. When we teach our children that real freedom is the God-given power to choose obedience, kindness, and self-control, we set them free from the trap of selfish habits and teach them to walk continuously in His grace.

2 Peter 3:1-2

2 Peter 3:1-2

"Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders. I want to encourage you to think in a way that is pure. 2 I want you to remember the words the holy prophets spoke in the past. Remember the command our Lord and Savior gave through your apostles."

As you read this verse, help your child circle the words of the good things we should think about.

Philippians 4:8

"Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things."

Peter begins this chapter by reminding believers of things they already know. Why? Because sometimes you need to be reminded of the truth in order to keep your mind thinking about what is right and good.

What you spend time thinking about matters. That's why it's important to spend time reading God's Word, remembering what He has taught you, and learning more about who He is. When you fill your mind with God's truth, it helps you recognize things that aren't true and helps you to keep your heart and mind focused on Jesus.



Fill It Up

What you'll need: 2 cups, water, and some dirt.

Start with two cups of clear water.

The water represents a mind that is focused on God.

What are some things that can fill your mind throughout the week? (example: TV, friends, activities, worries...) As you think of different things, sprinkle a little bit of dirt into one of the cups. Leave the other cup untouched.

The things you thought of are not necessarily bad by themselves. But, if you allow all the noise around you to fill your mind without stopping to remember what God says, your thinking can easily become cloudy. You can become distracted, confused, or even start believing things that aren't true.

Now, look at the difference between the two glasses. Even just a little bit of dirt can cause a big change.

2 PETER 3:18

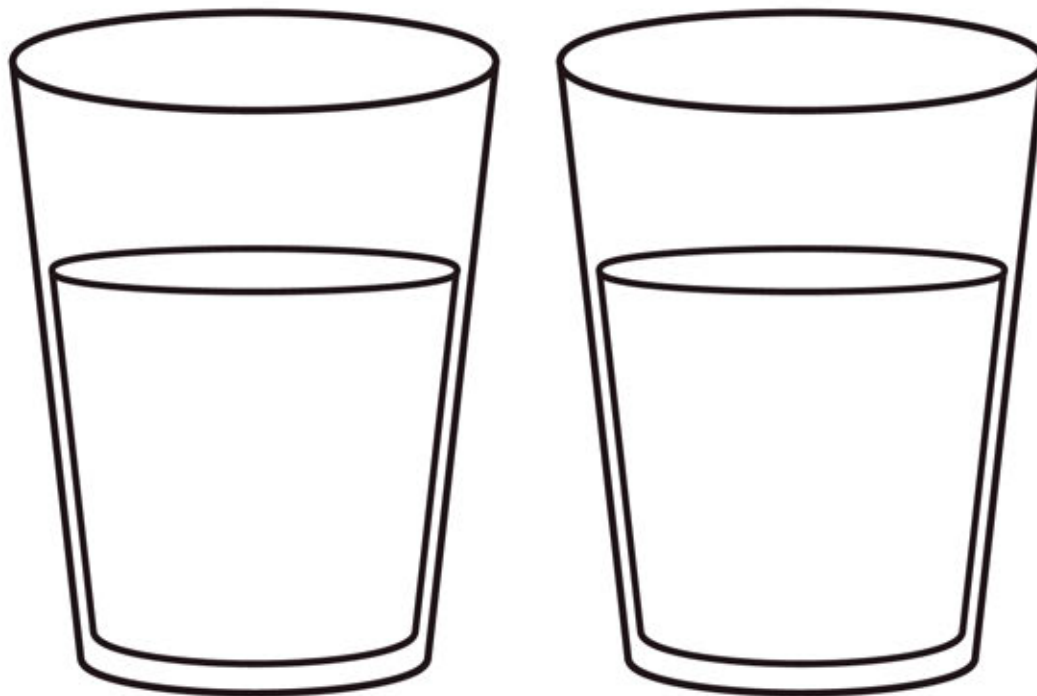
Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory belongs to him both now and forever. Amen.



This week's Bible verse is 2 Peter 3:18.

As a family, come up with some fun actions or a tune to sing to help you learn the verse together.

Color in the two cups above to illustrate what you saw happen in today's activity.



Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 3:1-2, Peter writes to stimulate wholesome thinking by reminding his readers to recall the words spoken by the holy prophets and the command of our Lord. As parents, what occupies the majority of our children's thoughts, time, and energy shapes who they become. By seeking God's wisdom to naturally weave Him into their daily interests and routines, we help keep their minds focused on what is pure, true, and holy.

Pray for wisdom on how to connect Jesus to your child's favorite hobby or activity today. Look for a natural moment during play or mealtime to bring up a simple truth about God.

2 Peter 3:3-7

Sometimes waiting feels like it takes forever. Peter tells us that Jesus made a big, wonderful promise: He is coming back one day! The first time Jesus came, He arrived as a little baby in Bethlehem to save us. When He comes back the second time, He will return as King over the whole universe to make everything right, wipe away all sadness, and fix everything that is broken.

2 Peter 3:8

"Most of all, here is what you must understand. In the last days people will make fun of the truth. They will laugh at it. They will follow their own evil desires."

**God Always
Keeps His
Promises!**



Sometimes, people might make fun of God's Word or ask, "Why is Jesus taking so long?" They forget that the same big God who spoke the stars into the sky and saved Noah in the ark is holding everything in His hands right now!

Jesus isn't waiting because He forgot—He is just super patient because He loves everyone and wants them to follow Him. You can trust His big promise no matter what!

In the box to the side. Draw baby Jesus in the manger to remember that He came to earth as a baby to save us, because He loves us.

Draw Jesus as king next to the manger to remember that Jesus will come back again someday as King over all.

**God's Promises
Never Fail!**

As you color the picture repeat the memory verse for this week and talk about how you've grown in knowing God through the Bible.

2 PETER 3:18

*Grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ.
Glory belongs to him both
now and forever. Amen.*



Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 3:3-7, Peter addresses the skeptics who scoff at God's promises, reminding us that the same Word that created the universe and saved Noah holds our future securely today. In a world full of cynical voices and doubts, our children need parents who stand firm in the certainty of God's Word. When we confidently trust His promises and His perfect timing, we give our kids an unshakeable anchor that holds steady no matter what others say.

2 Peter 3:8-14



Did you know that God measures time differently than we do? To God, a thousand years is like a single day. Sometimes we wonder why Jesus hasn't returned yet. Is He slow? Did He forget? **No way!** Peter tells us that God is waiting because He is super patient. He loves every single person and wants to give everyone time to turn to Him, ask for forgiveness, and join His family.

2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord is not slow to keep his promise. He is not slow in the way some people understand it. Instead, he is patient with you. He doesn't want anyone to be destroyed. Instead, he wants all people to turn away from their sins."

Jesus promised that one day He will make a brand-new heaven and earth. In this new world, there will be no more sadness, sickness, or hurt—only God's love and peace everywhere. While we wait for that amazing day, Jesus wants us to live kindly, make wise choices, and share His big love with everyone we meet!



Showing God's Love

Draw a heart next to the things that show God's love.

Sharing your toys with a friend

Snatching a toy away when you are mad

Inviting a friend to church

Saying "thank you" and "I love you"

Yelling or screaming when you don't get your way

Helping pick up dropped toys

Pushing someone in line

Praying for a friend who feels sad or sick

Using kind words when you speak

Refusing to share your snack

Fill in the missing words for this week's Bible verse

2 Peter 3:18

_____ in the _____ and knowledge of our Lord and
Savior _____ Christ.
_____ belongs to him both now and forever. Amen.

Trace the words below from this week's memory verse.



GROW

GLORY

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 3:8-14, Peter reminds us that God's timing isn't like ours—His delay in returning isn't slowness, but profound patience because He wants everyone to come to Him. As parents, it's easy to get caught up in the hustle of daily routines and forget the bigger picture. Every ordinary moment is an opportunity to reflect God's patient, gracious character to our kids. By demonstrating patience in our home and actively teaching our children how to love others, we show them a tangible picture of the heart of Jesus.

2 Peter 3:15-16

2 Peter 3:15a

"Remember that while our Lord is waiting patiently to return, people are being saved."

Have you ever waited for something really exciting, like going on a big trip to the beach or Disney World?

There are usually things you need to do while you wait. You might learn about the place you're visiting so you're ready, and you pack a bag with everything you need. While we wait for Jesus to return, God gives us a very important job to do.

Just like learning about your trip, you need to keep learning about Jesus and what the Bible says so you can follow Him your best. And just like packing your bag, your job while you wait is to share Jesus' love. Peter tells us that God is being patient so more people can hear about Jesus. That means while we wait, we get to tell our friends, neighbors, and family all about Him so they can know Him too.



Look at the list below and circle the things that help you learn about Jesus and share His love with others:

Your Bible

A friendly smile and kind words

A toy you refuse to share

Going to church

A card that says "Jesus Loves You!"

Grumpy attitudes

Learning from devotions like this

Sharing God's Love

Write the name or draw someone who you can share God's love with.

Color the verse below. Memorize it while you color.



GROW IN THE GRACE AND
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.
GLORY BELONGS TO HIM BOTH NOW
AND FOREVER. AMEN.

2 PETER 3:18

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 3:15–16, Peter reminds us that God's patience has a purpose: it creates space for people to encounter His salvation. While we wait for Christ's return, our waiting isn't passive—it's **active**. As parents, we have the unique privilege of equipping our children to be joyful messengers of the gospel. When we live out a bold, active faith in our daily routines, we show our kids that sharing Jesus' love isn't just something leaders do on Sunday, but **a daily mission for every believer**.

2 Peter 3:17–18

We have learned so many amazing things from Peter's letters! Peter taught us that even when hard times come or people say sneaky things, we can stand strong in Jesus.

2 Peter 3:18

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..."



In his very last words, Peter gives us a super special job: Keep growing! Imagine a big, strong tree. Its roots go deep into the dirt so strong winds can't blow it over. That's what happens when you pray, read the Bible, and learn more about Jesus every day. You grow deeper roots in His love. When you grow in His grace and get to know Him more, your whole life brings glory and honor to King Jesus—right now and forever.

What

Draw or write what you will do to keep growing in God's Word and learning to follow Him.

Who

Look back at yesterday's devo. Who did you write or draw? Write or draw a prayer below for that person and for you to have a chance to share Jesus with them.

Trace the memory verse for this week.

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knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.
Glory belongs to him
both now and forever.
Amen.



2 PETER 3:18

Parent Thought:

In 2 Peter 3:17-18, Peter wraps up his letters with a powerful dual charge: be on your guard against spiritual drift, and keep growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Healthy things grow, and our children's spiritual growth is nurtured in the soil of our homes. When we teach them to root themselves in Scripture, rest in God's grace, and give Him glory in all things, we prepare them to stand firm against any pressure or confusion the world throws their way.

Take a moment with your child to celebrate everything they've learned throughout 1st and 2nd Peter. Look at a plant or tree together outside and say: "Just like this tree keeps growing towards the sun, we are going to keep growing in Jesus every single day!"



... in the grace and knowledge of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ² Peter 3:18

Resources to Help you Grow

"The Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook"
Published By: B&H Publishing Group

"Growing with Jesus"
By: Andy Holmes
Published By: Tommy Nelson

"I will Follow Jesus"
By Judah and Chelsea Smith
Published by: Tommy Nelson

"Jesus Calling Bible Storybook"
By: Sarah Young
Published By: Tommy Nelson

"The Jesus Storybook Bible"
By: Lloyd-Jones & Jago Published
By: ZonderKidz

Kaleidoscope - Kids' Bible Reimagined
www.readkaleidoscope.com

"My First Hands-On Bible"
Published By: Tyndale Kids

"Notes from Jesus"
By: Mikal Keefer Published
By: Group

"God's Big Picture Bible Storybook"
By: N.T. Wright
Published By: Tommy Nelson

"Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing"
By: Lloyd-Jones & Jago Published
By: ZonderKidz

"Very Best, Hands-On, Kinda Dangerous
Family Devotions"
By: Tim Shoemaker
Published By: Revell

"Big Theology for Little Hearts" series
By: Devon Provenche
Published By: Crossway



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