Kidslife - July 2017

Parents,

The curriculum used in KidsLife uses things that kids are already familiar with, such as cereal, popular book titles, candy, board games, etc. to teach Biblical truths in a fun way! We also add crafts and games to help reinforce the Bible lesson being taught!

MAKE IT STICK

Below are 5 simple ways you can make the lessons stick with your kids

Have fun!

JULY 2ND FREEDOM

The key verse for "Freedom" is:

MEMORY VERSE: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

- 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

IN THE CAR: Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: July 4th is American Independence Day, when we celebrate the freedom that we have in this country. True spiritual freedom, which comes only from God, can be experienced wherever we are: in another country, in prison, in school, and in our homes. Acts 16:16-34, Paul & Silas In Prison HANGING OUT: Make this week's lesson real: Ask your kids what kinds of freedoms they have as kids in America. Then ask them what Jesus set us free from when he died and rose again. AT DINNER: Here are some great discussion starters: - Were Paul and Silas still free men, even though they were in jail? - Why didn't anyone run away when God shook the prison and broke the chains? - How can we be set free from sin?

AT BEDTIME: Quiz your child on this week's memory verse: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." -2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

PARENT TIME: What you need to know: The freedom we have in Christ is greater than any freedom that can be granted or taken away by the powers of Earth. Thank God for the freedoms we have in our country, and pray that your kids will embrace the freedom they can have in Jesus.

JULY 9TH ICE CREAM BLIZZARDS & FLURRIES

The key verse for "Ice Cream" is:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8

IN THE CAR: Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: Everyone loves an ice cream sundae, a delightful mix of ice cream, syrup, and other toppings. God wants us to love and cherish Sundays, when we come together to worship Jesus. 2 Chronicles 7:1-10, Solomon Dedicates the Temple

HANGING OUT: Make this week's lesson real: How do you and your family get up for church? Is there joy and excitement, or grumbling and fighting? How can you make Sunday mornings sweeter?

AT DINNER: Here are some great discussion starters: - What happened when Solomon dedicated the temple? - Why were the people happy when they went home from the temple? - What sweet things have you learned about God at church on Sundays?

AT BEDTIME: Quiz your child on this week's memory verse: "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

PARENT TIME: What you need to know: Sunday should be a time to get to know Jesus. It should be a time of sweetness and joy, not a time of drudgery and obligation. Ask God to fill your Sunday mornings with more joy so Sunday can be a sweeter time for your family.

JULY 16TH ICE CREAM BANANA SPLIT

The key verse for "Ice Cream" is:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

IN THE CAR: Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: Some people are Oreo fans, some like Butterfingers, and some like Heath. We all have our differences, but we were all made by God and he loves us all. Acts 10:9-48, Peter and Cornelius HANGING OUT: Make this week's lesson real: When you go out to eat this week, talk about the different things everyone orders. Why doesn't anyone get the same thing? How can people who are different learn to love one another?

AT DINNER: Here are some great discussion starters: - What did Peter's dream about the animals mean? - What happened when Peter shared Jesus with the Roman soldier and his family? - Why do you think God made us all so unique?

AT BEDTIME: Quiz your child on this week's memory verse: "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

PARENT TIME: What you need to know: We all have prejudices that we need to overcome so we can love the way Jesus does. Ask God to help you work through one of yours this week, and challenge your kids to befriend someone who is different than them.

JULY 23RD ICE CREAM SUNDAES

The key verse for "Ice Cream" is:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8

IN THE CAR: Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: Sometimes things happen in life that really hurt us. It can feel like our hearts are split in two. But just like ice cream makes a split banana taste better, Jesus can make our hurts feel better too. Mark 9:14-29, Jesus Heals a Boy Possessed by an Impure Spirit

HANGING OUT: Make this week's lesson real: How many things can you and the kids think of that have to be split, opened, or broken in order to make them into something good? Bananas for banana splits? Eggs? Easter eggs? How is that similar to how God makes something good from our hurts.

AT DINNER: Here are some great discussion starters: - Why were the father and son in this story "broken"? - How did Jesus say the boy could be healed? - What should we do when our hearts are broken?

AT BEDTIME: Quiz your child on this week's memory verse: "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

PARENT TIME: What you need to know: Jesus wants us to give him our brokenness, trusting him through prayer to heal us. Ask God to take away something hurting you this week so that your life can be a little sweeter.