

Date: February 4, 2018 (21)

Scripture Passage *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. —Romans 8:30*

Lesson Theme: Salvation is a work of God.

Family Discussion Questions:

- 1) Have you ever received socks for your birthday?
- 2) Did you see them as a good gift?
- 3) God's gift of salvation is like a gift of socks to some people—they can't recognize it as a gift.

Date: February 11, 2018 (22)

Scripture Passage: *Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? 38Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? —Lamentations 3:37-38*

Lesson Theme: God not only permits evil, but He ordains evil.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Read Revelation 20:1-15 with your child. How does God feel about this evil?
2. How does He feel about the evil within our own hearts?
3. Where do you see God's grace in your life?

Date: February 18, 2018 (23)

Scripture Passage: *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. —James 1:13-14*

Lesson Theme: Although God decrees evil, He does not directly perform morally evil deeds.

Family Discussion Questions:

- 1) Though you may not actually blame God for your sin, do you make excuses for sin?
- 2) What kinds of excuses do you make?
- 3) The real problem is not just our sinful actions— what is the real problem?

Date: February 25, 2018 (24)

Scripture Passage: *The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. —Proverbs 16:4*

Lesson Theme: Evil serves God's purposes.

Family Discussion Questions:

- 1) Ask your son or daughter to share with you what can be learned about God's providence over evil from the story of Samson in Judges 14:1-4, Judges 15:14-16, and Judges 16:28-30.
- 2) Discuss some "bad things" (evil) that have happened to you or your family and how they have served God's purposes.
- 3) What evil have you seen that has fit into God's plan?

