A Pure Heart

“Daddy, what does God look like?” asked the little girl as they sat and talked about God’s many wonders. The dad thought for a minute thinking about all the ways he could answer this very important question. Should he describe the Jewish carpenter that came as God wrapped flesh? Should he talk of God as a spirit that one feels more than sees, or should he tell about the Bible as the letter that describes the God that wrote it? After a quick prayer asking for wisdom, he held his little girl closely and pointed to her heart and said, “If you will keep a pure heart, then one day you will be able to see God and know exactly what He looks like.” (Psalms 24:3-4)

Keeping a pure heart is not easy. The Bible says that our heart can be very wicked (Jeremiah 17:9) and that God knows the secrets of our heart (Psalms 44:21). Through His Word, God does give us a glimpse that children actually have an advantage in this area. In 1 Timothy 4:12 Paul tells young believers not to despise their youth, but to be an example to others in faith and purity. Matthew 18:3 says we must become like little children to enter the kingdom.

Psalms 119:9-16 tells us how to keep our ways pure--by living according to the Word of God. By obeying, meditating and rejoicing in the Word of God, we CAN keep a pure heart, which is essential to seeing God.

Family Prayer: Lord, we want to seek Your face and to know You. Help us to have a pure heart that loves You and loves others! In the wonderful name of Jesus, Amen.
Looking Inward

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Someone has said that this is like drinking poison and hoping the other person will get sick. Do you need to forgive someone who has hurt you? Do it now. Don’t let that poison stay in your system another day.

Get 2 baskets. Label one Pure Heart and the other Un-pure Heart. Each person writes something that makes or keeps a heart pure and something that defiles a heart. Put your paper in the baskets and then discuss as a family how to work on having a pure heart and not a defiled heart.

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(2 Tim 2:22) “Flee also __________________ lusts: but follow __________________, ______________, __________________. __________________, with them that call on the Lord out of a ______________ heart.”

Another word for “lusts” in this verse is desires. What are some desires that youth may have that would interfere with having a pure heart?
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(1 Peter 1:22) “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.”

• The Apostle Peter realized that these believers had purified their souls by…
________________________    ____________      __________________.

• What is the definition of “pure”? ____________________________

• What does the word “unfeigned” mean? (You may need to look it up).
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• What does the word “fervently” mean?
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• Do you love others fervently from a pure heart?
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We don’t want to just look good on the outside, 
We need to love God and others with a heart that is pure.
Unscramble each of the clue words.

Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

TAERH
MIGLESP
VERSEEBIL
SRPIIT
LEIBB
VILGIN
NERWODS
PERRACNET
HESFL
RYAREP
WIDSMO
PLMEXEA
TEINESSAL
JIONIGCR
NETTGIMDIA

1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
JESUS LIVES IN MY HEART!