



May 24th Elementary Family Lesson



Bible Story: Heavenly Rewards (Matthew 5:10-12)

Today's Takeaway: I should do the right thing even when it's hard.

Series Verse: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. (James 1:2-3 NIV)

Weekly Verse: "God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." (Matthew 5:10 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be blessed?
(If you have a personal relationship with Jesus, you are forgiven of your sins and God's divine favor and protection cover you. You have hope no matter what happens because God will always be with you, and one day you will live with Him forever where no more bad or sad things will happen.)
2. When is it easy for you to do the right thing?
3. When is it hard for you to do the right thing? Share about a specific time it was hard for you to do the right thing.
4. Do you think it is better to receive a reward right now or to receive a reward from God when you get to Heaven?
5. Have kids look up these verses and discuss them as a group.

1 Peter 3:17, Romans 8:18, John 15:18-19

Activity Ideas:

1. Rock, Paper, Scissors

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

What You Do:

For two players...

- Have both participants go against one another in Rock, Paper, Scissors.
- Whoever wins gets to try to answer a trivia question.
- If they get it right, they earn a point.
- If they get it wrong, give the other player a chance to answer and steal the point.
- Continue playing like that until you ask all the questions or one player makes it to a predetermined winning score.

For three players...

- Have two participants go against one another in Rock, Paper, Scissors.
- Whoever wins gets to try to answer a trivia question.
- If they get it right, they earn a point. If they get it wrong, have the losing player go against the player who has not done Rock, Paper, Scissors yet.
- Whoever wins that match can try to answer the question that the first winner did not answer correctly. If they get it right, they get a point.
- If they get it wrong, give the player who has not yet tried to answer the question a chance to answer correctly and steal the point.
- If nobody answers correctly, tell them the correct answer and move on. (It is a good idea to ask that question again later in the game.)
- Continue playing like that.
- Always have the loser of each Rock, Paper, Scissors match play the next round against the player that did not just participate.
- The game continues until you ask all the questions or one player makes it to a predetermined winning score.
- Talk again about why it is worth it to do the right thing even if we are mistreated for it here on earth.

For four players...

- Have participants pair off and go against one another in Rock, Paper, Scissors.
- Give each winner a chance to try to answer a trivia question.
- If they get their questions right, they earn a point.
- If they get them wrong, allow the losers to try to answer to steal the point.
- Continue playing like that, but change who is playing Rock, Paper, Scissors against who after each round.
- The game continues until you ask all the questions or one player makes it to a predetermined winning score.

Review Questions:

1. When should we do the right thing? A. Always
2. In which book of the Bible are the Beatitudes found? A. Matthew
3. Who says the beatitudes? A. Jesus
4. Who will God bless? A. Any of the beatitudes is the correct answer. (You could repeat this question a few times telling them they cannot say one of the beatitudes that someone else has already said.)
5. What does it mean to be blessed? A. We are loved, accepted and forgiven by an awesome God who promises to always be with us and to take us to live with Him in Heaven forever (or something along those lines)
6. Who is the comforter that God sends to live inside of us once we choose to follow Jesus? A. the Holy Spirit
7. Who continued to pray even though it meant he would be thrown into a den of lions? A. Daniel

8. Who was the friend of David who talked King Saul out of killing him? A. Jonathan
9. Did the Pharisees and religious leaders have a clean heart or a clean outside? A. A clean outside
10. How does Jesus want our hearts and our outsides to be? A. clean/ pure
11. How did Jesus show mercy to the two blind men? A. He healed them.
12. Who is the perfect example of humility for us? A. Jesus
13. Where is our series verse found in the Bible? A. James 1:2-3
14. What is our series verse? A. Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3

2. Let's Do It Right

What You Need:

- A Set of Series Verse Cards (found on the last page of the document), 4-5 paper balls

What You Do:

- Say the verse together out loud after each round.
- When you finish the rounds, talk about what Jesus calls us to do that might be hard or that others might not like.
- Also, talk about how you could respond to different types of persecution.

Round 1:

- Shuffle the verse cards and spread them face down around the room/ area (can be close together or far apart).
- When you say, "go," have your kids pick up the cards and put the verse in order as fast as they can.
- While they work shout things at them very loudly and close to their faces (maybe shout that they can't do it or that they are doing it wrong or that they are crazy for how they are doing it.)

Round 2:

- Set the game up just like you did for Round 1, and say, "go".
- This time while they work, throw paper balls at them continuously.

Round 3:

- Set the game up again, and say, "go."
- This time while they work, push them around a little or block them from getting the cards or tickle them.

Family Prayer:

Take a few minutes to pray as a family to wrap up your time together.

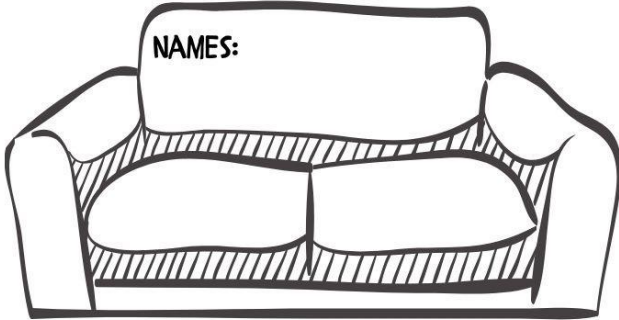
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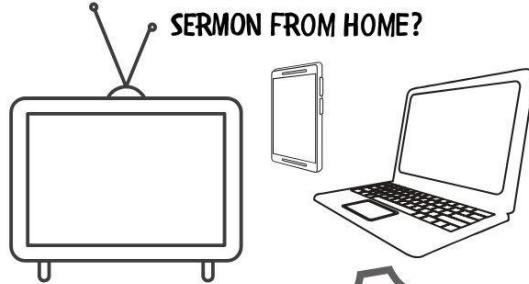
Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



HOW DID YOU WATCH THE SERMON FROM HOME?

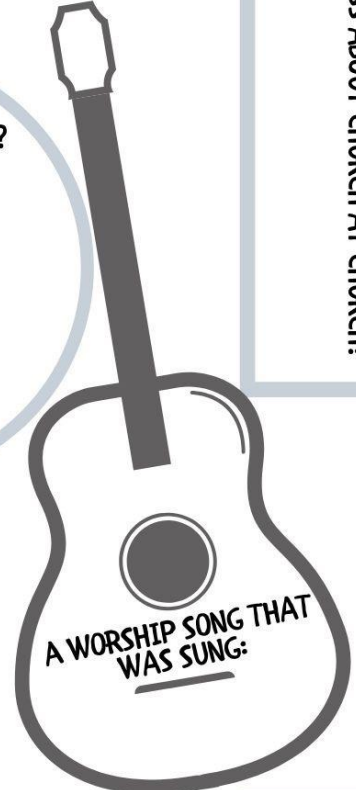
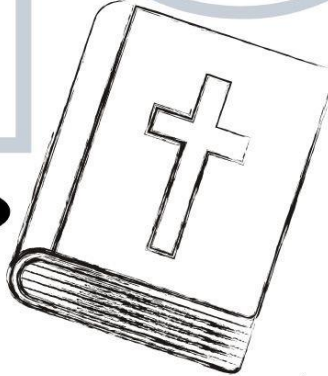


IF YOU DIDN'T SIT ON THE COUCH, DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW YOU VIEWED TODAY'S SERMON OR DRAW A PICTURE OF WHO YOU WATCHED THE SERMON WITH:

ARE YOU IN YOUR JAMMIES OR CLOTHES??
DRAW A PICTURE:

WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:



3 BIG THINKS FROM TODAY'S SERMON YOU CAN ASK GOD TO USE TO GROW YOU CLOSER TO HIM:

- 1
- 2
- 3

SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT WAS PRAYED FOR:

SOMETHING SPECIFIC YOU ARE PRAYING FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CHURCH AT HOME?

Series Verse Cards

(Print and cut them out or write them by hand on cards or paper and cut/ tear them apart).

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