

## Take Home Page: What do you Believe?

Today your child learned that we want to **learn about, love and live our faith** each day. Children learned about what it means to be a Christian. They also talked about ways that we need take responsibility for our own faith and helping it to grow.

Today I learned...

Learn, love and live your faith.

Help me learn my memory verse:

*"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ...it is God's gift." (Ephesians 2:8)*

Ask me:

1. What do you think it means to have a strong faith?
2. Do you think your own faith is strong? Why or why not?
3. What are some things that you can work on doing MORE of each day in order to live or learn about your faith?

Live Your Faith...

*Go for a walk or a drive and share what Bible character you each think demonstrates the strongest faith and why. Look up those stories together in your Bible and talk about how each of you could work to be more like that character. Then, on a piece of paper, write down one thing that you will do each do to grow your faith this week. Commit to supporting each other in completing your task and share how your faith has grown at the end of the week or at mealtime each day.*



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Help me learn my memory verse:

*“In everything, do to others what you would want them to do to you.” (Matthew 7:12)*

Ask me:

1. What are some things that Christianity, Judaism and Islam have in common?
2. How are we supposed to treat those who practice different religions than us? Why?

Live Your Faith:

*Go for a walk or spend some time together. Talk about some of the negative things that are happening in our world today that seem to be tied to religious differences, and how some choose to treat those who are different. Sometimes when we hear about these things, they may stir feelings inside us too that are not so pleasant. Remind your child that God expects us to ALWAYS treat others by loving them as ourselves, treating all people including those who have very different beliefs with respect and kindness. Pray together and ask God to help you to learn unconditional kindness and to honor His commandment.*

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Today your child learned that we need to do our very best to **live our faith each day**. Children learned about the basic characteristics of Hinduism and Buddhism. They talked about the importance of respecting the beliefs of others.

Today I learned...

Live your faith each day.

Help me learn my memory verse:

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."  
(Ephesians 4:32)*

Ask me:

1. What do those who practice Hinduism believe?
2. What about Buddhism?
3. What surprised you the most in learning about these religions?

Live Your Faith:

*Take your child into a room of your house that has no windows (if possible) and bring a flashlight. Turn off the lights and sit in the dark for a minute or two. Then turn on the flashlight. How does that one light change things for you in that dark place? Then look up in your child's Bible together Matthew 5:14-16. Highlight these verses, read and talk about them. How can you be a "light" to others in order to share your faith and belief in God with them, even if they don't believe in your "God"? Pray and ask God to help you be that light to share Him with others each day.*



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Help me learn my memory verse:

*"I said, 'Here I am. Send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)*

Ask me:

1. What does it mean to "serve one another in love"?
2. In what way did Jesus serve us? Be specific.

Live Your Faith:

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Today your child learned that we are to **respect the differences of others** at all times. Children heard about Daniel in the lion's den and his three friends who were thrown into the fiery furnace because of choosing respectfully to not conform to the rules when it went against their faith. They talked about tolerating and respecting others, and when there are limits to tolerance and conformity.

Today I learned...

Respect the differences of others.

Help me learn my memory verse:

*"...live together in peace. Be understanding. Love one another like members of the same family.  
Be kind and tender." (1 Peter 3:8)*

Ask me:

1. Why did Daniel and his friends find themselves in danger?
2. What would you have done if you were in their shoes? Would you have the same faith?

Live Your Faith:

*Spend some time together and talk about some things in life that we would NOT want to conform to doing/practicing (i.e. alcohol, drugs, stealing, hurting others physically, rude or inappropriate language, etc.). When we choose to follow the influence of others whether it's from a friend or not, it can bring us down. Talk about how the most important "voice" you can follow in your life is God's. Pray and thank God for guiding you each day, and ask that his voice may be the loudest you hear all the time so that you do not conform to things that would bring you harm.*

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*"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)*

Ask me:

1. How did Paul use the example of “the body” to explain how the congregation is supposed to work/function?
2. What do you think you could do as a “part of the body” to help in the congregation?

Live Your Faith:

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God wants a relationship with YOU.

Help me learn my memory verse:

*"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" (Psalm 42:2)*

Ask me:

1. Do you think you having a close relationship with God is important? Why or why not?
2. What can you do to work on your relationship with God?

Live Your Faith:

*Go for a walk or drive together. Talk about what kinds of things are necessary for a seed to grow into a healthy plant or tree. (Sunlight, soil, water.) God also wants us to GROW, and specifically grow closer to Him. What things can you do more of to help you grow in your relationship with Him each day? Make a specific plan to try this week and commit to encouraging and supporting each other as you each work on growing closer to God.*

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## Take Home Page: Spiritual Habits: Studying the Bible (Part 1)

Today your child learned that we need to **develop the habit of reading the Bible each day**. Children learned that studying the Bible is another way that we can become closer to God. They talked about practical ways that they can start studying the Bible more regularly.

Today I learned...

Develop the habit of reading your Bible.

Help me learn my memory verse:

*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (2 Timothy 3:16)*

Ask me:

1. What kind of relationship did God seem to have with Abram, Moses and Paul?
2. Have you ever wanted God to talk to you in the same way? Why or why not?

Live Your Faith:

*Get out some index cards or small pieces of paper and spend time looking up and writing down a favorite verse or two from the Bible. Let your child choose the verse they want to learn, and you choose one as well. Tape them to your bathroom mirror or in a place where you spend time each day doing a daily task (brushing teeth, washing dishes etc.) so that while you are there you each can read and work on memorizing that verse. When you commit the verse to your memory, switch out the card/paper for a new one. Challenge each other to see how many verses you can learn in a week.*



## Take Home Page: Spiritual Habits: Studying the Bible (Part 2)

Today your child learned that we all need to **take time each day to learn from the words that were inspired by God** by reading the Bible. Children learned about the importance of reading and studying the Bible regularly. They also talked about how to apply to their life the things that they read in scripture.

Today I learned...

Take time each day to learn from the words that were inspired by God.

Help me learn my memory verse:

*"By using Scripture, a man of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing."  
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Ask me:

1. Why is reading our Bible (scripture) *good* for us?
2. What have you learned from reading your Bible lately?
3. Do you think God wants you to learn from Him even more? How can you do that?

Live Your Faith:

*Open up your child's Bible and read a passage together. (Proverbs has a lot of wisdom for life and might be a good place to start.) After reading it, ask: "what is God telling us to do through this passage?" Talk about it together and then thank God for showing you a little more each day what kind of person He wants you to be. Try to make time each day this week to do this with your child (5 minutes).*



## Take Home Page: Spiritual Habits: Prayer

Today your child learned that we should **never stop praying** to God. Children learned about the importance of prayer each day. They also talked about specific things they can do to establish the discipline of regular prayer time with God.

Today I learned...

Never stop praying!

Help me learn my memory verse:

*“The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared life together.  
They broke bread and ate together. And they prayed.” (Acts 2:42)*

Ask me:

1. Why do you think we need to pray if God knows what we need before we ask Him?
2. How often do you pray?
3. Do you find it hard to pray sometimes? Why or why not?

Family Fun:

*Set up a “prayer board” somewhere in your home, either on an actual chalk board or a piece of paper. Each of you can put on that board something you need prayer for. Add to it throughout the week, but each day, use that board or paper as you pray together and pray over these specific things. When God answers a prayer, write down the date next to that item on the list and cross it off. Thank God for always being there to hear your prayers.*



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