

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: OCTOBER 18

Bible Story: Always on My Mind (Think on These Things)
Philippians 4:8 NIRV

Big Idea: Focus on what is true.

Memory Verse: “Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.”
Proverbs 10:9 (NIRV)

Life App: Friendship: using your words and actions to show others you

Bible Story Summary: In Philippians 4:8 Paul reminds the church, “Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things,” (NIRV). If we want to have integrity with our entire lives, we have to fill our minds with good things in the first place.

Being a person of integrity takes work. This verse takes work...focusing on what is true. We hope the kids will discover how they can fill their minds with what is true and good and worth thinking about. Filling our minds with what's true, can help us live our lives with honesty and integrity.



While in the car, practice celebrating everyone's differences. Ask questions about favorite food, favorite music, or favorite movie. Talk about how great it is that we all like different things and be in the same family. We can be honest about the things we like!



DAY 1

READ *Proverbs 4:25-26*

Read the rules below. Play the game. Come back and finish reading.

Rules of the Game:

Grab some pillows and spread them out across the floor of your room. Stand in the doorway of your room and pretend the entire floor is covered in lava. Carefully jump from one pillow to the next to reach your bed. If your foot touches any part of the floor, go back to the doorway and start over.

Did you make it all the way across the floor the first time? Just like you had to think carefully about which pillow to jump to next to reach the safety of your bed, we need to be careful that we make the kind of decisions that lead us in the right direction. When we choose to be honest, when we choose to do what's right over what's easy, we don't have to worry because we'll always end up heading in the right direction!

Choose to be truthful in all you say and do so that you'll end up where you want to be. Because when you focus on what's true, you'll always be headed in the right direction!

LOOK for ways to think on these things.

DAY 2

READ *Philippians 4:8*

Have you ever thought about what you think about? That's perhaps the craziest question ever and likely one you've never thought to ask yourself before!

Our thoughts are important because what we think affects how we act. When you think the new kid is mean, you might ignore him. When you think you won't be invited to the party, you might decide not to be friends with the birthday boy anymore. When you think that your teacher doesn't like you, you'll probably be less likely to listen during instruction.

When it comes to living with integrity our thoughts are important. That's why, even when it comes to what we think about, we need to focus on what's true.

When you find yourself thinking about things this week, ask yourself a simple question: Is this true? Is what I'm worried about, or angry about really true? If not, then tell that thought to take a hike. Work on replacing those untrue thoughts with noble, pure and right thoughts.

KNOW that when you focus on the good, others see your goodness.

DAY 3

READ 1 Peter 3:10-11

Have you ever played the game "capture the flag?" It's super fun! In this game, you have two teams. Each team has a flag and the goal is to capture the opposing team's flag! Every single player is focused on that one goal: getting that flag.

Just like you have one goal in a game of "Capture the Flag," if we want to "love life and see good days," the key is to focus on what's true. When we tell the truth and do the right thing even when no one else is looking, then others learn quickly that we can be trusted. The strongest friendships are built on trust!

Grab some friends and head outside to play capture the flag. Ask an adult to help you look up the rules if you aren't familiar with the game!

Spend some time thanking God for the friends and family He's given you. Ask Him to help you focus on what is true so your family and friends can trust you.

ASK God to help you live with integrity.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

DAY 4

READ Proverbs 28:18

When you focus on what's true, it keeps you safe. But when choose to lie or cheat to get ahead, it's like walking on a crooked path! Pretty soon, the people around you will start to question whether they can trust you. And you might just find yourself in trouble because of your choice to be dishonest.

That's why focusing on what's true is so important. So, what are some true things we know about God?

- God always does what He says He will do.
- God will help us, even when we're afraid the tell the truth.
- God will guide us, even when it feels like cheating will get us there faster.
- God will forgive us, even if we do mess up and find ourselves on that crooked path.

Write the words "Help," "Guide," and "Forgive" on separate sticky notes and stick them to the wall beside your bed. As you wake up each morning, say a quick prayer and ask God to help and guide you to focus on what is true. And if you mess up, ask Him to forgive you so you can walk without blame and stay safe.

THANK God for giving us the opportunity to have a relationship with him.

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.

There are additional resources that Pathway will be providing for you during this time at <https://pccfw.org/covid-19/>



at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping until further notice! Please note that you are more than welcome turn in ALL OF YOUR GODTIMES and collect your Bible Bucks. We encourage you to save them!

Lending a Hand to Someone in Need:

This month, we will be collecting NEW hats, gloves, and mittens for kids your age. Bring in a donation for kids who need to stay warm this winter.



Child's Name: _____