

# JULY 4/5 UPTOWN FAMILY GODTIME



## WHAT YOU NEED

Bible, M&Ms



## WHAT YOU DO

Read Acts 9:10-31; Ephesians 3:20-21



## WHAT YOU SAY

In Acts 9 we see what happens after Jesus meets Paul on the road to Damascus.

Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears. When we believe that Jesus conquered death itself, we can believe that Jesus can do anything. Knowing Jesus gives us a peace that passes all understanding. We might fear something from time to time, but we can put our trust in Jesus and know that we can face anything when He's with us. Now we are going to each take a handful of M&M's. We are going to pray according to the following colors:

For every **GREEN** candy, thank God for one gift or good thing in your life (family, friends, health, love, etc.)

For every **BLUE** candy, pray for a friend or neighbor who needs help or who needs to know Jesus.

For every **RED** candy, pray for someone you love.

For every **YELLOW** candy, pray for our leaders or those God put in charge (church, school, government, etc.)

For every **ORANGE** candy, pray for someone who is sick or hurt and needs to be healed.

For every **BROWN** candy, pray for yourself. Tell God something you are sorry for, something that is worrying you, something you need help with or something that is making you fearful.

Ephesians 3:20-21 states, "God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us. Give him glory in the church and in Christ Jesus. Give him glory through all time and for ever and ever. Amen."

We can grow in our faith by getting to know Jesus through time in His Word, prayer and loving others like Jesus did! We were able to spend time doing all of those things today!



## PRAY

God we have lifted so much to you today. We pray for our gifts and talents, our neighbors in need, those that we love, our leaders, those that are hurt and sick, and our family. We know that as we grow in our faith in you, we will be able to face all that comes in our path. in Jesus' Name, Amen!

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: JULY 4-5

**Bible Story:** Fearless (Ananias Helps Paul) *Acts 9:10-31*

**Big Idea:** Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears

**Memory Verse:** "Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see." *Hebrews 11:1 NIV*

**Life App:** Faith: trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

### Bible Story Summary:

In Acts 9:10-31 we see what happens after Jesus meets Paul on the road to Damascus. God came to Ananias, a follower of Jesus living in Damascus. Ananias knew Paul's reputation, but he trusted that God would take care of him. He might have been scared, but he trusted that Jesus could change anyone, including a man like Paul. He even helped Paul escape Damascus when some of the religious leaders plotted to kill Paul.

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Bed Time



Read Acts 9:10-31. Knowing Jesus helped Ananias and Saul to be brave—and knowing Jesus can help you face your fears too. Share with each other something that makes you scared or worried right now. Pray for each other, that Jesus would give you peace and the strength to face your fear.

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# WEEK 1



# DAY 1

READ *Deuteronomy 31:8*

Have you ever been walking into a situation where you were scared of what was ahead? In that situation, where do you want your parent to be?

- A. BESIDE YOU
- B. BEHIND YOU
- C. IN FRONT OF YOU
- D. NONE OF THE ABOVE

You probably chose C, didn't you?! Having someone standing by you to keep you safe is good too, but there's something about knowing that they're going ahead of you. They can see what's coming, and they can use their size to block you and strength to protect you.

Many times, in His Word, God promises to be in front of us to protect us. Knowing Jesus is not only beside you but is going ahead of you can help you face your fears!

THANK God for going ahead of you to keep you safe.

# DAY 2

READ *Psalms 27:1*

Have you ever noticed how much bigger objects look in the dark? Your dresser might look perfectly harmless during the day, but during the night it takes on a life of its own. God knew that our fears would seem much bigger in the dark, so all throughout His Word He tells us that He will be our light.

Write the following words on a notecard or piece of paper in a variety of colors. Tape it to your light switch to remind you that knowing Jesus will help you face your fears.

## THE LORD IS MY LIGHT, AND HE SAVES ME.

ASK God to help you turn to Him when it's hard to face your fears.

# DAY 3

READ Psalms 56:3-4

What are your biggest fears? If you're like most people, they probably have a lot to do with other people. Worrying about what other people are doing, or what they're thinking, is normal. But it's not how we should live our lives. When we trust in God, it doesn't matter what others think or say, we can face our fears.

Try to trace the phrase below with a pen or marker, but don't look at the letters as you do it. Instead focus on "your biggest fears". How'd you do?

Now trace the letters again with a different color pen, this time focusing on the letters as you go. It's amazing the difference when you're focused on trusting in God, isn't it?!

## TRUST IN GOD

**KNOW** that focusing on Jesus helps you face your fears.

### HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

## 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/>



# DAY 4

READ Psalms 18:2

With a parent's permission, go outside and find a small rock. Then read Psalm 18:2. Why do you think God calls Himself our rock? Well, He probably wasn't referring to the tiny piece of earth in your hands. But that piece of rock may have once been a part of a much bigger rock, or even a mountain. And when you think about the strength and size of a mountain, God calling Himself our rock makes more sense. If you were alive during biblical times, you also might imagine yourself hiding behind a large rock during a battle or resting in its shade before there was air conditioning in the hot summer months.

Stick the rock in your pocket or on your dresser to remind you that you can face your fears because God is your rock.

**KNOW** that God is your place of safety, so you can face your fears.

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles N Bucks Shopping until we are able to meet again, in person! We cannot wait to see you then! Until that time, please save your GodTimes and UpTown Challenges.... You WILL be able to turn them all in for Bible Bucks!

### FACEBOOK:

Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be additional videos, challenges, and EXCITING activities going on there!



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_