

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: JANUARY 17

**Bible Story:** The Greatest (Greatest Commandment) *Matthew 22:36-40*

**Big Idea:** Love God. Love others.

**Memory Verse:** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." *Luke 16:10a (NIV)*

**Life App:** Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

**Bible Story Summary:** The psalmist wrote, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it", (NIV). God is the author of creation, and God has entrusted us to care for and cultivate it. We do that by taking responsibility. From the work we need to accomplish, to people we meet, to the words we use; life is filled with moments where we can decide to reflect God's character, take responsibility, and use what we have wisely. When we follow through and do what needs to be done, we can point others to Jesus, the One who took the ultimate responsibility for us and made it possible for us to be with God forever.

We kick off the month in Matthew 22:36-40. The religious leaders were always trying to trap Jesus with His own words. This moment was no different. They asked Jesus, out of hundreds of laws they were to follow, which were the most important. Jesus simplified everything, and made love the top priority. The most important responsibility is to love God, and love your neighbor as you love yourself.

**Love God. Love others.** These are four simple words, but they are not always simple to put into practice. We hope that, as kids discover more about responsibility, they start to understand the ways they can love God and love the people God has put in their lives.



Pick one thing that you usually do for your child in the morning and let them take charge and be responsible for it. Making sure they have everything for school? Encourage them to prepare the night before and have their bag ready. Making lunch? Teach them to do this and again, work on it the night before. Tell them that you trust they can do this!

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# WEEK 3

# God TIME

# DAY 1

**READ Matthew 22:36-39**

In school, every teacher wants their students know what's expected of them so they can have a successful year.

**Write down a rule you have at school:**

**What happens if you break this rule?**

Can you imagine what it would be like if your teacher had over 600 rules for you to follow? When Jesus lived on earth, Jews followed over 600 different laws or rules. There were rules about work, rules about clothes, and rules about caring for others. When a religious leader asked Jesus, "What's the most important commandment?" it was intended to be a trick question. But Jesus didn't fall for his trap. Instead, Jesus simply said: "Love God. Love others."

Love God. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. When you love God and put Him first, you won't need 600 other rules. Loving God is our number one responsibility. As you pray today, tell God why you love Him. List some things you're thankful for and ask Him to help you put Him first, every day.

# DAY 2

**READ Matthew 22:39-40**

When Jesus answered the religious leader's question about the most important commandment, He didn't stop with "love God." He quickly added the second, equally important part: Love others.

When you think about it, loving God and loving others are like two sides of a coin. You can't really say you love God and then turn around and be unkind to your brother or the kid at school. And you can't really love your brother or the kid at school without loving God. Why? Because God is love. The only reason you know how to love is because God loved you first.

**Grab a coin and cover it with masking tape. Write "God" on one side and "Others" on the other side. Carry that coin in your pocket this week to remind yourself of your most important responsibilities. Ask God to help you love Him and love others, even when it's hard.**

# DAY 3

READ Psalm 31:23

What are some ways you show your parents you love them? List them in space below:

One big way you show your parents you love them is by obeying them. Even when you'd rather not. Even when you think their rules are lame. A parent's job is to guide and protect their children. By obeying them, you're showing that you trust they're leading you in the right direction.

Guess what? The same idea is true when it comes to loving God. The number one way you can show God you love Him is by being obedient to Him. When you read His word and follow what it says, you're taking your responsibility to "Love God" seriously.

Remember, God made you. He loves you. He will always lead you in the right direction because His way is the best way. This week look for ways to be obedient as you follow God knowing that obedience is best. Love God. Love others.

## 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 1 Peter 4:8

List all the people that sat by you today:

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From your brother in the backseat, to the kid in the desk next to you, to your parent at the dinner table, on any given day, you sit next to a lot of "one another's." Part of your responsibility is to love God and all those one another's around you.

So, here's a little "one another" challenge for the week. Tomorrow, every time you sit down, pay attention the people on your right and left. Think to yourself: "How can I show love to this person next to me?" When you have an answer, then follow through and actually do it. There are lots of ways you can show love to all the "one another's" around you.

**PRAY** for God to help you with your responsibility of loving others well this week.

## 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!

### FACEBOOK:

Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be EXCITING activities going on there!



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