

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: MAY 9



Bible Story: Over and Over (Training to Win the Prize) *1 Corinthians 9:24-25* (supporting: *Matthew 22:36-40*)

Big Idea: Keep practicing what matters most

Memory Verse: "Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." *1 Timothy 4:8 (NirV)*

Life App: Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice.

Bible Story Summary:

Growing in faith is not something that happens by merely cramming more information about the Bible into a child's brain. All of that knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can do in their hearts. To fully experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith. And that takes commitment.

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25. "So, run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard", (NirV). Paul used running in a race as a way to talk about our relationship with God. A growing relationship with God isn't something that happens overnight; we need to practice it. The verse sets up the rest of the month for how we can practice our faith.

Keep practicing what matters most. What matters most? We think it's a growing relationship with Jesus. When it comes to getting things done, more often than not, you need a plan. The same is true in your relationship with Jesus. We hope kids learn some practical steps to make a plan to prioritize growing an everyday faith in Jesus.



Write something each family member would like to commit to for one month. Place it where everyone will see it daily. It could be taking a walk as a family more often or no technology days. Whatever it may be, make a plan and write the verse of the month next to your goals.

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WEEK 2



DAY 1

READ *1 Corinthians 9:24-25*

This month is all about commitment which is making a plan and putting it into practice. Long distance runners know this. They understand you can't run a marathon without training. You can't go from sitting on the couch one minute to running 26.2 miles without any preparation. It takes practice.

Faith, following Jesus every day, kind of works the same way. If we want to grow a stronger faith, a faith that actually makes a difference, we need a plan. And once we have a plan, we need to actually execute or practice that plan.

Today's verse reminds us to run, or to keep practicing our faith, with the end in mind. Just like runners keep going toward the finish line, we need to keep going, to keep practicing what matters most.

DAY 2

READ *Proverbs 16:3*

To practice something means to perform an activity or exercise a skill repeatedly in order to improve. In the space below, write down a few things you practice in order to get better:

Circle one of your examples from above. When do you practice what you've circled? How often? Have you ever thought about making a practice plan?

We practice to get better at all kinds of things. The same is true of our faith! We can grow closer to God with practice. But it starts with a plan. It starts with a commitment. **This month, we'll take a look at four practical ways we can grow in our faith as we HEAR from God, PRAY to God, TALK about God, and LIVE for God.**

DAY 3

READ Matthew 22:37-38

Jesus said that loving God is the first and most important commandment. It's the number one thing you can do. In fact, you could say that loving God is the greatest thing you can do. How do you show God you love Him? By obeying Him. When we obey God, it's like saying, "God, I trust that your way is best."

What is one thing you know God wants you to do that's hard? Maybe it's telling the truth. Maybe it's being kind to your sister. Maybe it's listening instead of interrupting. Write your answer on a piece of paper, fold it in half and write today's date on the outside. Hold it in your hand as you pray and ask God to help you show Him how much you love Him by doing what He's asked.

Place this folded piece of paper in a balled-up pair of socks. The next time you open that pair of socks and read your note, ask yourself, "How am I doing with this? Am I obeying God and showing Him that I love and trust Him?"

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.



DAY 4

READ Matthew 22:39-30

Jesus followed up on the first and greatest command with a second that is just as important. Love others. How? As you would love yourself. We show God we love Him by loving others. But that takes a lot of practice. And truthfully, we won't always get it right.

It is easier to love others, though, when we remember just how much we are loved. God loves you, always, even when you mess up. He always forgives, He's always patient and kind. He is always there to listen when we need help.

Fill in the answers below. Then copy each letter to the same numbered square to complete the phrase at the bottom.

Short for Abraham

the back part of your foot

2 + 2 =

1 2 3

6 3 3 8

4 10 13 11

Of great weight; difficult to move

to make musical sound with your voice

6 3 1 14 15

12 7 9 5

Jesus said, "8 10 14 3

15 10 13 11 9 3 7 5 6 2 10 11

1 12 15 10 13 11 12 3 8 4"

at a GLANCE



FOURTH GRADE GRADUATION IS JUNE 6TH!

Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

- May 9 Second Grade
- May 16 First Grade
- May 23 Kindergarten
- May 30 No Shopping
- June 6 Fourth Grade
- June 13 Third Grade



Child's Name: _____