

HEY PARENTS!

Here's what we're learning in the month of May

THIS MONTH'S THEME IS:



PENTECOST (ACTS 2:1-24, 36-47)

May 01

Brite Idea: God sends us the Holy Spirit.

Memory Verse: John 14:26 ESV

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

God sent the Holy Spirit as a helper after Jesus left. The Holy Spirit is God and has all the power and authority of God. The Holy Spirit helps us to follow God and to share the news of His great love for all people with the world.

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN (ACTS 8:26-39)

May 08

Brite Idea: God wants everyone to hear His message.

Memory Verse: Romans 10:12-13 ESV

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

God loves everyone and wants them to hear the good news about Jesus. We can be a part of sharing God's message and building His church!

TABITHA (ACTS 9:36-43)

May 15

Brite Idea: God works through His people.

Memory Verse: John 14:12 ESV

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

God chooses to work through His people to make Himself known and accomplish His purposes.

THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER (ACTS 16:22-40)

May 22

Brite Idea: God can do anything!

Memory Verse: Matthew 19:26 ESV

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

God can do anything—He is all-powerful and His power is always at work. God uses His power to reveal Himself to people. God doesn't promise things will be easy, but He does promise to be with us. God can work through hard situations to bring us closer to Him.

PAUL'S SHIPWRECK (ACTS 27:1-28:10)

May 29

Brite Idea: No matter what, God is with those who trust Him.

Memory Verse: Psalm 9:10 ESV

And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

No matter what happens in our lives, God is with those who trust Him. God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us and give us courage.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PARENTS:

What signs tell parents who their children are becoming? External conformity or inner heart change? One looks outward and the other looks inward. The outward style can lead parents feeling inadequate when rules aren't followed. Their home becomes about enforcing more rules, creating a false sense of self for themselves and their children. The inward style leads parents with a desire to foster an environment for their children to embrace salvation for with salvation they'll inherit the work of the Holy Spirit, transforming their hearts to become more like Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP CONVERSATION STARTERS:

PENTECOST (ACTS 2:1-24, 36-47)

1. God created us. Jesus saves us. The Holy Spirit helps us become more like Jesus. Which sentence(s) do you believe?
2. When you aren't with your family, how do you remember to make choices they would want you to make? Jesus wants those who love and follow Him to remember to make choices like He would. The Holy Spirit is always with us.
3. Share a time you remembered to do something like Jesus.

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN (ACTS 8:26-39)

1. Share when you were going to do something, and a different thought came to mind causing you to change your plans.
2. Thoughts come into our mind all day. How do you know which thoughts line up with what Jesus would do? How could you have courage to do them?
3. Think of people who don't know Jesus. How might God want you to help them learn about Him? How will your actions resemble Jesus?

TABITHA (ACTS 9:36-43)

1. Who do you know who loves God? How do their actions and words reflect God's love? Does how they act and talk make you want to be with them more?
2. List people you know who don't know God. How have your actions and words helped them want to know more about Him? What might you want to change when you see them next?
3. How do you know what you need to change is from God?

THE PHILIPPIN JAILER (ACTS 16:22-40)

1. Share a time God helped you be brave when you were afraid. Share a time God helped your heart feel better when you were sad.
2. What's God's power? How do you get it? Why do we need it?
3. How did God's power help you be brave and feel better? What are you struggling with today where you need God's power? Would you rather rely on God's strength or yours? Why?

PAUL'S SHIPWRECK (ACTS 27:1-28:10)

1. What does a very bad day look like for you? How does it make you feel? Do you try to change it?
2. Do you think God sees your very bad day? How can you show God you trust Him in a very bad day?
3. How does God help you stand strong for Him in your very bad day? When you sensed God wanted you to do something on that day, did you do it? Why?