

FAMILY FAITH ON THE FRIDGE

Jacob's Well - A Monthly Guide for Playing in God's Story at Home - April 2018



Wee Ones

One - Three Year Olds

Sing It!

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine (x3)

Let it shine (x3)

Repeat

Jesus is the light,
I'm gonna let Him shine (x3)
Let Him shine (x3)

Discovering: Jesus is Always with Us (Mark 16:9-20)

In April, we're learning that even though Jesus went into heaven to be with God, he promised his love would always be with us. We can feel him close to us when we show kindness and love to each other. We can also feel him close when we look at all of God's creation!

Finger Play

Jesus is with us, (hug self)
He wants to know us, (point to head)
He wants to be near us,
(extend arms out and around)
Wherever we go! (marching arms)



April Memory Verse

I am sending you to
tell about Jesus.
John 20:21

New Tunes!

Check out the new song we'll be singing this month!
Jesus is Alive!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUplU9E6npU>

The Loft

Preschool - Kinders

Sing It!

Give Me Joy

Give me joy in my heart keep me
searching (repeat w/ *praying*,
repeat w/ *dancing*)

Give me joy in my heart I pray

Give me joy in my heart keep me
searching (repeat w/ *praying*,
repeat w/ *dancing*)

Keep me searching (*praying*/
dancing) 'til the break of day.

Discovering: Breakfast by the Sea (Luke 22 & John 21)

In April, we're talking about the times we make mistakes like Peter did. But Jesus' love won't give up on us. Messing up is never the end of the story with Jesus!

April Memory Verse

Jesus is alive, Jesus is alive,
Luke 24:23, Jesus is alive.
(Sing it to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell".)

Second Chances

Tell your child that Peter messed up and told people that he didn't know Jesus 3 times. But after Jesus rose again, they had breakfast and Peter was able to tell Jesus he loved him 3 times. Fold 3 pieces of paper in half and have your child cut out three hearts.

Breakfast Adventure!

Go outside and collect rocks and sticks. Build a pretend fire. Pretend to roast fish like Jesus and Peter did on the beach. Talk about and wonder together about the story. I wonder why Jesus made Peter breakfast on the beach? I wonder how Peter felt after having breakfast with Jesus?



Sing Hosanna

Sing Hosanna,
Sing Hosanna,
Sing Hosanna to the
King of Kings (x2)
Sing Hosanna,
Sing Hosanna,
Sing Hosanna to
the King.

W 1st - 5th Grade onderground

Table Talk

Parents, share with your child how you first met Jesus and decided to follow Him.

Do you believe Jesus is God's Son who came to show you the way of life and died for your sins so you could have a relationship with him? Why? Why not?

Do you have a sense that God is in your life? How?

Discovering: How the Good News of God Comes to Us

In the Wonderground this April, we are talking about the ways the good news of God comes to each of us. We'll be looking for this good news through the resurrection, Jesus' invitation to us, His life, and His promises. (Luke 24, Luke 2:41-51, John 2, Luke 5:1-11)

April Memory Verse

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."
John 14:6

Photo Scavenger Hunt!

Send kids out with your phone to photograph as many signs of new life as they can find. Talk about how God brings back life every year through his creation. How has God done this in your life as well this year?



Nature!

Talk about the life cycle of a caterpillar. Things aren't as they seem. (Check out a book on caterpillars & butterflies when you're at the library.)

"What the caterpillar calls the end of life, the Master calls a butterfly." - Richard Bach



CLUB 45

Next Club 45!
Tuesday, May 1
6:30-8:00
City Church

VBS 2018

VBS 2018
Outta This World!
July 16-20
9:00am - 12:00pm

Everyday Invitations by Kimberly Crenshaw

When was the last time you heard Jesus invite you into something?

One of the most compelling ways we can model spiritual formation for our kids is to say "yes" to Jesus again and again in our everyday life and in major decisions. It's formative for your child to watch you struggle through the process of saying "yes" to Jesus. God's invitation is often in the small things. An invitation to speak more gently, to be more patient, to slow down, to rest.

Be vulnerable with your child and let them know where you sense God is asking you to take a risk. What is He inviting you into in this season of your life? What seems hard here? And what about in their life? Ask them what they sense God is inviting them into.

A few ideas for home:

- At the end of the day, talk about the highs and lows of the day. Thank God for the joys, and pray about the pains.
- Ask your child what they learned at church on Sunday. Share what you learned, too.
- Share with your child how you made a decision to follow Jesus.
- After you share your story, say, "We're a family that tries to follow Jesus. This is a decision I have made, but someday you will have to make that decision for yourself."
- Look up Ephesians 3:12 together. What is this verse saying?
- Tell a story about a time you heard Jesus inviting you to do something. What happened?



* excerpts taken from *Imaginative Prayer* by Jared Patrick Boyd