

january 15th

Parent Guide

need to know: Think About What Is True

bible reference: John 14:1-7, John 20,
Acts 9:1-31

Hey Parents!

Today your family will be learning how to think about what is true! We get a lot of deceptive thoughts filling our heads, and we can choose to set our thoughts on what Jesus says is true.

We'll be looking at the disciple Thomas and his doubting thoughts. Yet in that doubt, Jesus changed his thoughts from lies to thoughts of truth. Thomas knew the truth that Jesus is the Way to the Father and resurrected from the dead by God's power.

We want your family to know that although we can't physically see Jesus like Thomas could, God calls us to trust in Him and think about what is true according to the Bible.

*Have fun and let the Holy Spirit empower you as you lead your family!
Traders Point Kids Team*



circle up

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking. Let your kids know that this is safe place for them to share their feelings, emotions and questions.

1. Have each person SHARE 1 thing about themselves that they like or feel they are good at.
2. Go around again and allow each person to SAY 1 thing that is true and kind about each person.

watch

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on tpcc.org/kids-messages or on the Traders Point Kids YouTube channel.

Elementary

1. SAY: **Sometimes it is hard to let God change our thoughts from untrue things about ourselves, others and God to thoughts of truth, but guess what? God always knows what is true and what is best for us!**
2. Get out a Bible or pull up a Bible App and guide your child in looking up John 20:24-29. READ the verse together.



3. **ASK: Is it okay to ask questions about God? (YES!). In fact, asking questions about God is great! When we understand Him more, we can become closer to Him.**
4. As a family, brainstorm and write down all the questions you have for God. ALLOW your family to be curious and simply ASK their questions and wonder about God. Throughout the weeks ahead, come back together and try to work through one question at a time. Discover, research, and discuss some the answers to your families' listed questions. It's great to be curious about the Bible with your family and model how to find the answers to their questions.

Preschool

1. You can look at the pdf or print out the **Bible Story Cards** that are under the Activities tab.
2. SHOW, READ, and ACT out the Bible Story Cards.
3. REVIEW the Bible story by asking these questions while doing the listed movements:
 - **At the beginning of the story, did Saul like Jesus or people who liked Jesus?** (No, he even put them in jail!)
 - **Did Jesus change Paul's thoughts and did he start loving Jesus?** (Yes)
 - **Can God help you catch, check and change your thoughts too?** (Absolutely!)

have fun together

From playing to praying together, have fun learning more about God!

1. Take some time to pray together as a family. Pray that each person would recognize that they can trust God with their life. God loves each of us so much! Allow your kids to share any prayer requests that they might have and allow your kids to pray out loud if they would like to.
2. Find a common object around your home and HOLD the **Random Object** behind your back so no one can see what that object is.
3. **SAY: I've got something behind my back that you can't see. You have to figure out what it is by finding out what is true about it! When it's your turn, ask me a question to help you figure out what it is! Once you think you know what it is, on your next turn, you can guess.**
4. If they struggle to ask questions, here is a prompt list for questions they could ask you:
 - What color is it?
 - Is it bigger or smaller than a penny?

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- Is it squishy?
 - What do you use it for?
5. CONTINUE doing this until they guess correctly. Someone else can also be the person hiding an object behind their back. The decision is up to you. CONTINUE playing while there is interest.