

## PARENT GUIDE - JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>

Bible Story: Elisha Refuses Payment (2 Kings 5)

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App



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## LET'S PLAY

*Use this time to gather together those in the family that want to participate.  
THE GOAL is to simply connect and have fun as a family!*

GATHER together and play "Don't Smile." HAVE one person at a time be the player who shouldn't smile. ALLOW everyone else to be as silly as they can to try and make that person smile. Once that player smiles, have them answer the questions below. Keep playing until everyone has had a turn and answered.

**Questions:** What was one good thing that happened to you this week? Would you be more tempted to eat a whole bag of M&Ms or Skittles?

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## LET'S WATCH

*Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool message at [tpcc.org/kids-messages](http://tpcc.org/kids-messages) or on our TPCC Kids YouTube channel.*

*PARENT TIP: As you discuss the message, allow your kids to do other things like coloring, playing Legos, or playing basketball as you have a conversation. It might help them to stay engaged if they can do something simple with their hands while listening and talking.*

**Ask your Preschooler:** Tell us about a time you made a bad choice. Who gives us strength to help us make good choices? Who will always love and forgive us?

**Ask your Elementary child:** Tell me something from today's message that you don't understand or have questions about. Tell us about a time you struggled to do the right thing.

**SAY:** We all struggle sometimes to do the right thing, even me. But God promises us that He will give us the strength to do what is right when we allow Him. It doesn't mean it will be easy, but we can always choose to do the right thing. When we mess up, because we all do, God promises to forgive us.

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## LET'S READ

*Together, look up these verses in a Bible or on a Bible App.*

*PARENT TIP: Take this time to teach your child how to look up a verse and model for them how to use the Bible. You can use the Table of Contents to help you find the book.*

**SAY:** God tells us that He will give us the strength to do what is right. Let's read this verse together from the Bible that shows us what God tells us is true and that we can do what is right with God's help.

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### 1 Corinthians 1:15 (NirV)

“You are tempted in the same way all other human beings are. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted any more than you can take. But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out. Then you will be able to deal with it.”

SAY: God is faithful which is another way of saying He keeps His promises. There is no temptation that we will ever go through that God can't give us strength to do what is right. How do you want to practice this week's Bible verse? Do we want to read it again in a super slow/fast voice? We can sing it again to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”. Or write it on a piece of paper in fun colors to put somewhere you will see it every day? *(feel free to give options that are most suitable for your kids)*

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## LET'S PRAY

*As a family, take time to share what you would like prayer for. Talk about what or who you are each thankful for and thank God for them.*

*THE GOAL is for your family to freely share in struggles and gratitude. Then, together, you can humbly take it all to God in prayer.*

*PARENT TIP: Keep it short and sweet for your Preschoolers. If your child isn't ready to share or pray, take this time to pray for them and don't add extra pressure.*

### ***Example Preschool Prayer:***

*“Dear God, thank You for your promise to always give us strength to make good choices. Please help (child's name) grow to know and love you more. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.”*

### ***Example Elementary Prayer:***

*At this age, encourage your child to speak to God in all circumstances and know that God will always love and listen to them. Begin to practice some silence in your prayer to allow time to listen to God too.*