

PARENT GUIDE - JANUARY 10th

Bible Story: Ruth (Ruth 1-4)

Materials Needed: Cookie or cracker, Bible or Bible App



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 the classic Minute to Win It game "Face the Cookie." GIVE everyone a **Cookie** on their turn (or a **Cracker** of some kind). PLACE the cookie on their forehead while their head is tilted back. They will have one minute to try and wiggle their face to get the cookie in their mouth without using their hands. For younger kids, give them 2 minutes and if it falls off, they can eat it off the table without their hands. After each player has a turn, have them ANSWER the question below before the next player's turn.

Question: Preschool: God is always with you. How does that make you feel?
Elementary: Where have you seen God working this week?

LET'S WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool message at 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 me about a time you were feeling happy. Tell me about a time you felt sad. SAY: **Guess what?! God is with you when you are happy and when you are sad. He is always with you.**

Ask your Elementary child: Tell me something from today's message that you don't understand or have questions about. What did Boaz allow Ruth to do that showed Ruth and Naomi that God was with them?

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 promises to always be with us no matter what we are feeling and no matter where we are. Let's read this verse together from the Bible that shows us what God tells us is true and that we can trust Him.

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“Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.” Joshua 1:9 (NirV)

SAY: When we know that God is with us always, we can remember to be strong and brave to make the right choices. How do you want to practice this week’s Bible Verse? Do we want to read it again in a funny voice? I can read it again as you bear walk across the floor. Or write it on a piece of paper in fun colors to put on the refrigerator? *(feel free to give options that are most suitable for your kids)*

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 pray for them and don’t add extra pressure.

Example Preschool Prayer:

“Dear God, thank You for promising to always be with us. 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.