

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

The idea for *Faith at Home* came out of a passion to see children and young people become fully devoted followers of Christ and to see them living their lives in response to all that God has done for them. Our goal and vision is to see this happen, so let's make more time to help our children grow in their faith.

Faith has to be more than just once a week at church. Sundays are a really important part of helping children in their faith, but what about the other 6 days of the week?!

The topics and verses that we're looking at in this resource are the same as those from our Sunday morning children's groups and Pathfinders. We hope and pray that the faith of everyone in your home will grow as you spend time discussing the Bible and life with your children.

How to get the most from *Faith at Home*:

1. Find a time of the week where everyone in your family can sit down together for 10 minutes. This might be during tea time, just before bed, or first thing on Saturday morning. Whenever it is, make sure you can all sit down together.
2. Have someone read the Bible verses aloud.
3. Have someone read through each of the points and questions and discuss them together.
4. Have a time of prayer at the end. There's a prayer written for you which you might like to finish up with.

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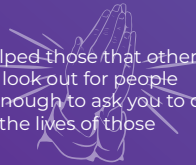
FOR KIDS AND TEENS

JAN 6
Jesus heals

Matt. 8:1-4

1. The man asked Jesus if he was 'willing' to heal him. Jesus said, 'Yes, I am willing... be clean;' and the man was healed there and then! Imagine being there, what do you see?
2. Now imagine you are kneeling down in front of Jesus. What would you like to ask him to do for you?
3. Do you think there are any problems that God can't deal with?
4. Jesus cared deeply for him, so much that he healed him. Do you think God cares deeply for you?

Dear God, thank you that Jesus helped those that other people wouldn't. Please help us to look out for people who need help. Help us be brave enough to ask you to do miraculous things in our lives and the lives of those around us. Amen.



JAN 20
Jesus calms

Matt. 8:23-27

1. There was a big storm and Jesus stopped it instantly, just by talking. How amazing is that?! Draw a picture of the boat in a storm.
2. Sometimes we face difficult things (storms) in our lives. Are there storms that you are going through at the moment? Know that God is with you in the difficult times. Call out to him for help.
3. Spend some time praying for each other and for the things that you find difficult. Trust that God is with you.

Dear God, sometimes things are really hard. Help us know that you are always with us, no matter how difficult it seems. Be with us and with those who need your help. Amen

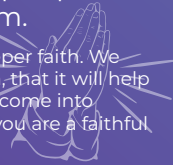


JAN 13
Jesus helps

Matt. 8:5-13

1. The centurion came to Jesus to ask for help. How did Jesus help the centurion?
2. The centurion's faith in Jesus was the reason that Jesus healed his servant. Do you think that Jesus could use your faith to heal others?
3. Jesus said that the centurion had "such great faith". Can you think of other people from the Bible who had great faith?
4. Jesus helped the centurion. Can you think of others you can help? Spend some time praying for them.

Dear God, please help us to have a deeper faith. We pray that our faith in Jesus will deepen, that it will help others to be healed, and that they will come into relationship with you. Thank you that you are a faithful God. Help us to trust you. Amen.



JAN 27
Jesus provides

Matt. 15:32-39

1. Big crowds of people began following Jesus and listening to what he was teaching them. What might it have been like to be in the crowd? You might want to draw a picture.
2. Jesus gave people what they needed: lots of food for their hungry tummies! What has God provided for you?
3. Say a prayer to give thanks for all that God has done for you.

Dear God. Thank you for all that you have given us. Help us remember to be grateful and to thank you every day. Thank you for Jesus, for all he did to help people. Thank you that he has given us life. Amen.

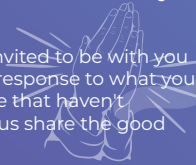


FEB 3
Who's invited?

Luke 14:15-24

1. If you could choose one type of food to have at a banquet, what would it be?
2. In the parable, the banquet represents heaven and the host represents God. God has invited us to be with Him in heaven. What does this parable tell us about heaven?
3. How does it feel to know that God has invited you to live with Him in heaven?
4. Can you think of someone that you can share God's invitation with? Pray for them.

Dear God, thank you that we are invited to be with you in heaven. Help us live our lives in response to what you have done for us. We pray for those that haven't accepted your invitation yet. Help us share the good news with them. Amen.

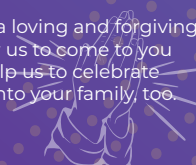


FEB 17
Lost son

Luke 15:1-7

1. The son thought he'd be better off away from his father. He ended up at a pig farm! How do you think he felt with the pigs? Draw a picture.
2. The older brother was upset about how his father welcomed his brother. Can you think of times when you were selfish like this? Say a sorry prayer to God.
3. The father welcomed his son home with a big party. God welcomes us back just like this. Thank God for welcoming us home with open arms

Dear God, Thank you that you are a loving and forgiving father. Thank you that you long for us to come to you and welcome us just the same. Help us to celebrate when others are welcomed back into your family, too. Amen.

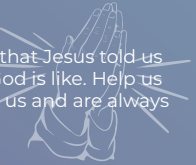


FEB 10
Lost sheep

Luke 15:1-7

1. Jesus' story was about a lost sheep and good shepherd. What is your favourite part of the story?
2. The sheep was far away from the shepherd. Can you think of times that you have felt far away from God?
3. Remember that God has found you. Thank Him for his love and care.
4. When the shepherd found his sheep, he had a big party with his friends. Jesus said that there is a big party in heaven when someone chooses to follow God!

Dear God, thank you for the stories that Jesus told us and that they help us to see what God is like. Help us remember that you will always love us and are always with us. Amen



FEB 24
Healing power

Mark 1:29-39

1. Jesus first healed Simon's mother-in-law. Then they brought lots of others to him so he could heal them too. Imagine being there. How do you feel? What's happening around you? You might want to draw a picture.
2. When we read more of the Bible we find that this is just one of many times where Jesus healed people. Do you think that Jesus can still heal people today?
3. Think of someone who is unwell and pray for them this week.

Dear God, thank you that Jesus healed and helped people. Thank you that Jesus came to help and heal us too. Help us remember to pray for those we care about and help us trust you with how you answer our prayers. Amen.

