

NOVEMBER 11

FEEDING
THE 5,000

BOTTOM LINE:
JESUS GIVES US MORE
THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

MEMORY VERSE

BUT JESUS LOOKED AT
THEM AND SAID
“WITH MAN THIS IS
impossible
BUT WITH GOD
ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE!”
MATTHEW 19:26

Parent Letter

gK! Mission Statement:

Partnering with parents to help kids take their next steps towards Christ.

Dear Parents,

At Grace we believe that what happens at home is more important than what happens at church. Did you know that the average family spends more time together in a car in one month than they will spend attending programs in the church for entire year? It's true!

In fact, we have about 40 hours in a given year to minister to your child, whereas the average parent has 3,000! You are the primary influence over your kids in all of life, so it's also true that you are their primary spiritual influence too. Because of that, we believe that spiritual growth happens best when the church and the family are working together for your children.

Grace wants to partner with you as a parent to provide tools and solid Biblical truth both inside and outside the church.

One of the ways we would like to partner with you is through ParentCues. Parent Cues provide you with simple CUES throughout the week that remind you to pause and make the most of everyday moments. These are given to you each Sunday when you pick up your child. You can also find a digital copy on the Grace website (discovergrace.com).

Another way we partner with you is through this journal. Each week we will be posting and emailing weekly devotions from the journal for kids to apply what they learned on Sunday and Faith Skill activities to help children learn and grow closer to God.

This year we will go through the New Testament with your kids. Every week, we will learn how Jesus is the Light of the World! He has the power to guide us and transform us! We'll learn about His life and the people that He met along the way. But most importantly, we will learn how He came to be our Great Rescuer!

-The gK! team



Faith Skills

Faith Skills are spiritual disciplines that help us know and grow closer to Christ. These skills help kids own their faith and make it personal. graceKIDS! incorporates these skills into our weekly lessons and devotions found in this journal.



HEAR

LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

If you want to know someone, what's one of the first things you do? You listen. And when you listen to God, it helps you learn to trust Him more.



PRAY

TALK TO GOD

God wants to hear from you. Because when you pray, it helps you connect with God.



TALK

SHARE YOUR FAITH

As you get to know God more, you find that you want to talk about Him more. And when you talk about Him and listen to others talk about Him, it will help you see God in new ways.



LIVE

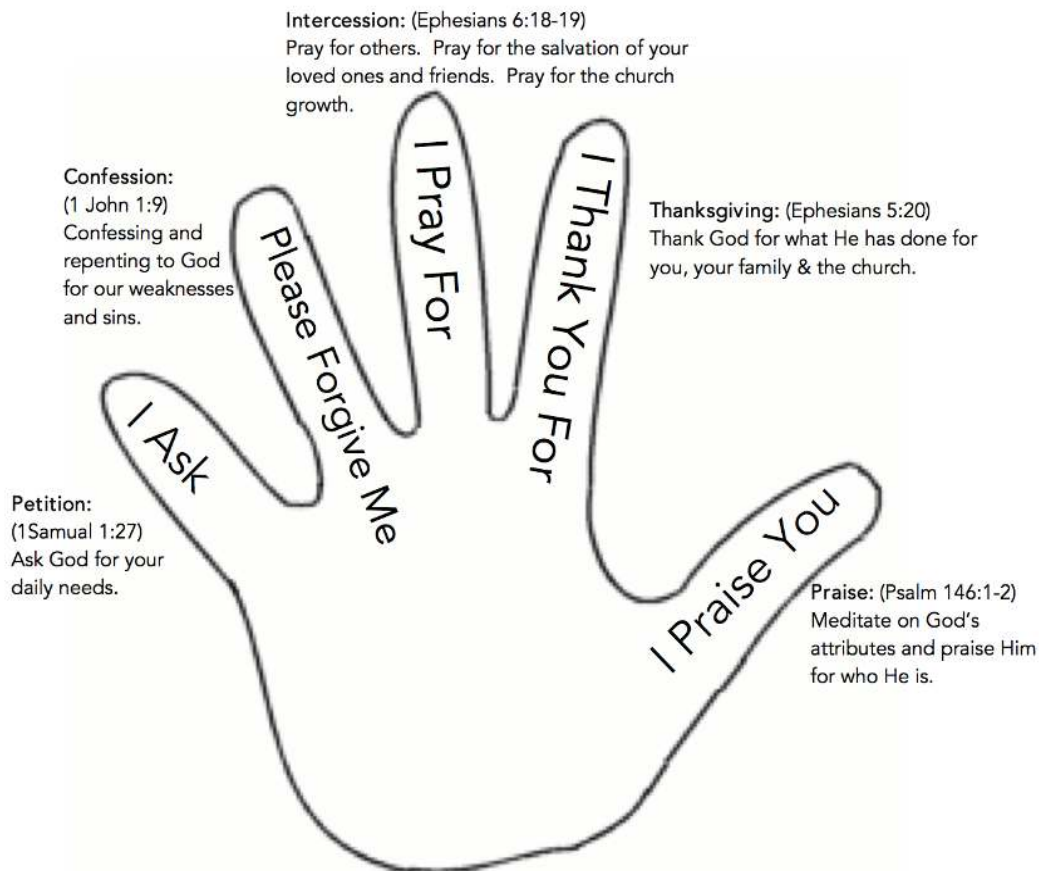
HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE

The more time you spend with God, the more you will want to honor God in big and small ways.

PRAYER

Dialogue with God

In gK! we use the “Prayer Hand” as a helpful approach for teaching kids to pray. It’s a format that allows children to recall and pray in their own words the five distinctive elements of prayer.



DAY 1

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:25

Do what you need to do, then watch what God can do. Sometimes we think God needs us to do our part before He can do HIS part. Shocking as it may be, though, God doesn't need us at all. God can do it ALL by Himself.

Instead, God gives us opportunities to participate in His work for OUR benefit and for HIS glory. When we choose to work with Him, our faith in Him increases, we get to have a part in His perfect plan, and we realize just how much He loves us.

DRAW A PICTURE OF SUNDAY'S BIBLE STORY AND MAKE SURE TO DRAW THE BOY WHO SHARED HIS LUNCH.

THINK ABOUT THIS: DID GOD NEED THE LUNCH TO FEED THE CROWD?

THANK GOD FOR ALLOWING YOU TO BE HIS TEAMMATE AND CO-WORKER. ASK GOD HOW HE WANTS TO USE YOU THIS WEEK.

DAY 2

READ JOHN 6: 9-10; JUDGES 7:2-3, 7

Here's the world's easiest Math problem:

If you have a box of cookies and you share them with others, do you now have MORE or LESS cookies?

Now think about the boy who shared his lunch.

At the end of the story did he have MORE or LESS lunch? WHAT?! How'd that happen? Easy - God Math!

Do you know God Math?

It's nothing like ours! For instance, according to God Math:

5 loaves + 2 fish = enough food to feed 5,000 (plus leftovers)

1 lost sheep = as valuable as 99

Gideon was a leader of God's army. But God told him. 'Your army of 32,000 is way too large to defeat the Midianites.' Too large? Wait. What?

Twice, God had Gideon actually reduce his army - until it was small enough to win the battle. Small enough?

God would give Gideon's army the victory, but he wanted them to rely on him and not their own strength.

Gideon's army of 300 was outnumbered - 450 to one! But remember God Math?

God + nothing = everything

Everything - God = nothing

"It is not by force nor by strength, but by my spirit," says the Lord.
Zechariah 4:6 (NLT)

God gives us more than we can imagine! And most of the time it doesn't make any sense to us! That's why we have to depend on Him!

ACT IT OUT!

Think of a Bible story in which obeying God didn't seem logical. Act out the story for your family and see if they can correctly guess the story you selected.

**LISTEN FOR GOD'S DIRECTION AND BE READY
AND WILLING TO OBEY...
EVEN IF IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO YOU**

DAY 3

READ PSALM 37:25

We can trust God to meet our needs, and sometimes God even uses us to meet the needs of others! When you look around the world and see people who are hungry, hurting, or lonely, it can make you feel sad or even angry. But think about this: maybe God gave you extra of something—more than you need—so you can share with others. And since you can trust God to meet your needs, you can feel free to share what you have, knowing that God will keep on meeting your needs.

Think of someone who has a need that you can meet because God has provided for you.

HOW CAN YOU SHARE WITH THEM AND SHOW THEM THAT GOD CARES FOR THEM?

**LOOK FOR WAYS TO BE A PART OF GOD'S
PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR OTHERS!**

DAY 4

READ JOHN 6:11

Pretty simple verse today huh? When Jesus was in the middle of a huge hungry crowd with a little lifeless lunch, what'd He do? He stopped and prayed. He didn't panic, make excuses, or catch a bus out of town. He simply prayed. Because He knew God was a Provider, he knew the story was going to end well.

DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO
--- SHARE---OBEY---PRAY ---
THEN PREPARE TO BE AMAZED AT
WHAT YOUR GOD CAN DO!

Go back to the picture you drew on Day 1.

Around the edge of the picture write the word prayer repeatedly to make a border.

Let this be a reminder to “wrap” your day's events in prayer.

**KNOW THAT GOD IS ABLE TO PROVIDE
BEYOND YOUR WILDEST IMAGINATION!**