

NOVEMBER 18

JESUS WALKS
ON WATER

BOTTOM LINE:
JESUS IS BIGGER THAN
OUR FEARS AND DOUBTS

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

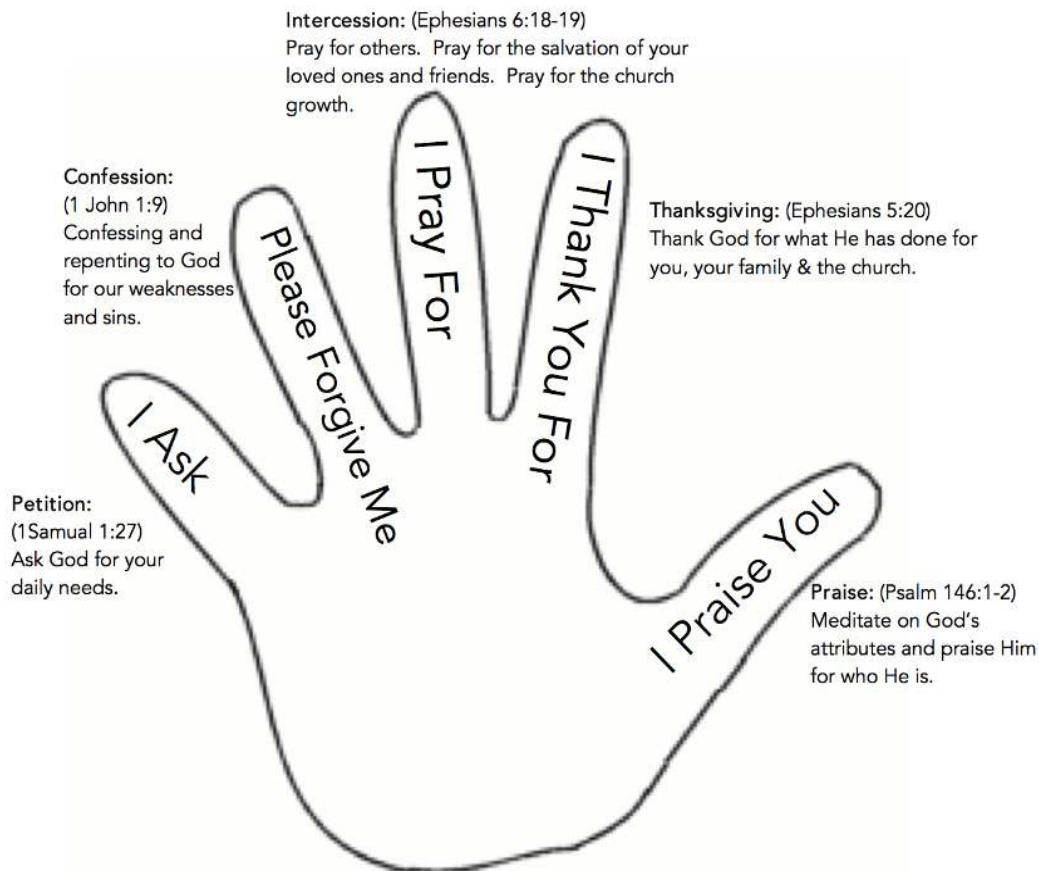
HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE

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

ISAIAH 41:10

What are you afraid of? Everyone has at least a few fears, but we don't have to let them change how we live because we know God is bigger than each of those things!

Go to a dark room in your house.

Turn off all the lights, shut any window blinds and close the door.

(Take someone with you if it helps.)

It's kind of scary, isn't it?

Now turn on the lights and think about how you feel. Has anything in the room really changed? Nope!

What's the only difference then?

The light!

The light makes us feel safer and gives us a better understanding of what's all around us.

Did you know that God is OUR light?

In fact, Jesus came to be the light of the world.

We don't have to live in fear of anything, because our God brings light to all the fear and darkness in the world.

THANK GOD FOR BEING
BIGGER THAN YOUR FEARS.

DAY 2

READ MATTHEW 14: 25-26

Are you afraid of storms?

Sometimes, the wind blows and howls so hard it feels like your home is going to fall over.

The disciples experienced a storm like that. Except, it was the middle of the night, they were in a boat, and in the middle of a giant lake! They were terrified! The wind and waves were going to flip their boat over. Suddenly, they looked up and saw Jesus walking toward them on the water. No wonder they were scared!

OF COURSE, JESUS COULD WALK ON WATER - HE MADE THE WATER!

Jesus was defying the laws of physics, because he invented the laws of physics. Because he created everything that causes the world to work the way it does, Jesus has authority over it too. Even the wind and the water have to obey him.

We may not experience Jesus' miracles the same way the disciples did, but we can know his miracle-working power. We can count on it because that same power saves us from sin and transforms our lives.

THAT POWER IS STRONGER THAN ANY STORM THAT BLOWS OUR WAY.

**THANK JESUS FOR PROVING HIS POWER OVER
AND OVER AGAIN IN OUR LIVES AND
THE IN THE WORLD.**

Day 3

Read

ISAIAH 26:3

When Peter started walking on the water toward Jesus, his focus was on his Savior. But the minute he took his eyes off of Jesus, he began to sink. Sometimes our fears are just like walking on water. If we focus on Jesus, we can stay above them, but if we take our eyes off of Jesus, our calm is ripped up with fear.

Get out a sheet of paper and write the word

P E A C E

out several times. You could even write it in different, cool ways and in different colors. Cut out the words and place them around your room and house, especially in places where you might sometimes feel afraid for some reason. Whenever you see the word peace, thank God for being bigger than your fears and ask Him to help you stay focused on Him and not your fears.

LOOK FOR WAYS TO KEEP
YOUR MIND FOCUSED ON GOD!

DAY 4

Excerpt from Thoughts to Make your Heart Sing by Sally Lloyd-Jones

ARROW PRAYERS

Do you think that maybe your prayers aren't long enough? Or don't use enough special words?

In the Bible there are lots of little prayers - so little they couldn't be any littler. 'Help, Lord!', 'Lord, save me!' They're arrow prayers, quickly shot up to God.

Once in the middle of the night, during a huge storm, Jesus came to see his friends on the lake - walking on top of the water. Peter wanted to try, so Jesus said, 'Come on!'

Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on water. But then he looked down - and, started sinking, cried, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately, Jesus caught him.

Your prayer might be so little that it may not seem like a prayer at all.

But it's enough. God hears it.

READ MATTHEW 14:30-31