

NOVEMBER 25

PARABLE OF  
THE SOWER

BOTTOM LINE:  
GOD WANTS ME TO  
GROW IN TRUTH

# 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](http://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

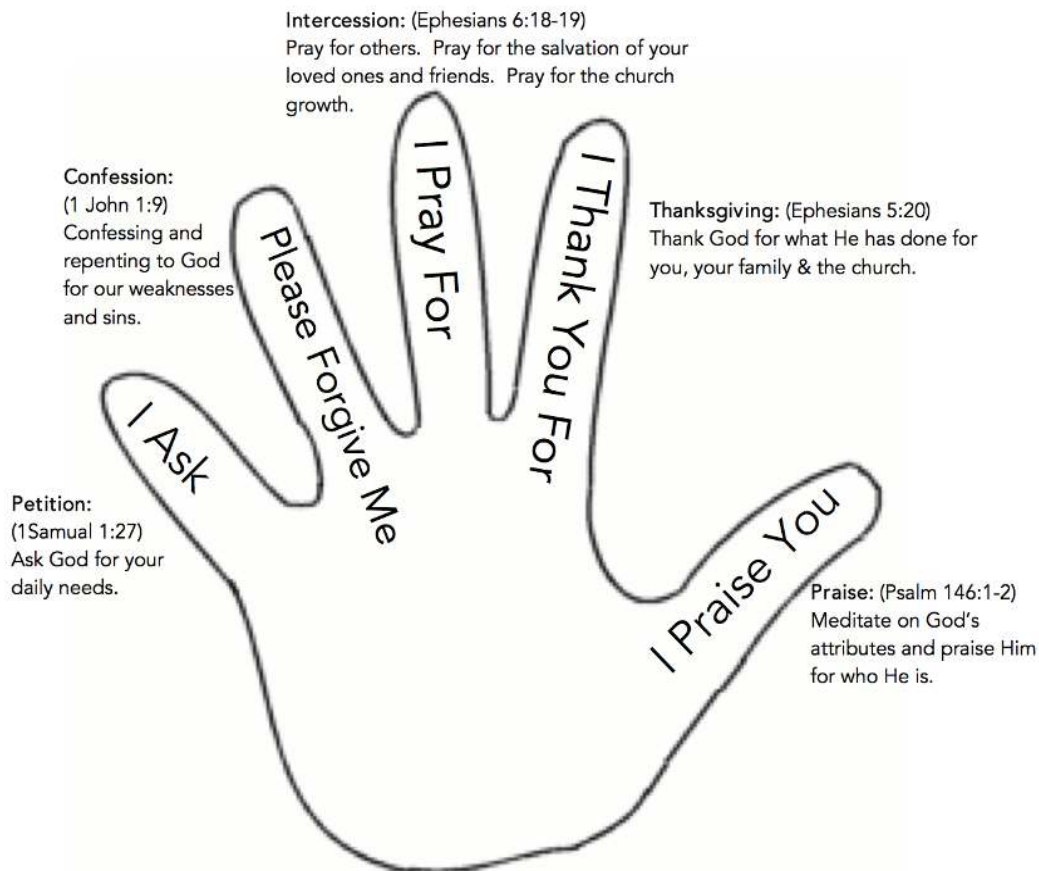
### **HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE**

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**

# PARABLE OF THE SEEDS

READ MATTHEW 13:23

Ask a parent if you can have a popcorn snack sometime today, and while you eat it, read this!

Jesus' parable about the sower shows us the importance of making our hearts ready to receive His words. If we really want to learn more about God and grow in our relationship with Him, we have to be willing to put in the time to grow! If we don't do what we need to do, we'll be like a popcorn kernel that never gets popped—and what can you really do with that? On the other hand, if we spend time reading God's Word, praying and going to church—and if we are willing to follow through on the things we discover—it's like eating a delicious bowl of popcorn. Fully living and enjoying life!

**THANK GOD FOR GIVING YOU A SOFT  
HEART THAT'S READY TO RECEIVE HIS  
WORDS.**

# DAY 2

## READ PROVERBS 1:7

*If you really want to gain knowledge, you must begin by having respect for the Lord. But foolish people hate wisdom and training.*

Have you ever tried to do something complicated without reading the instructions or getting help from an expert? Even athletes have trainers who are experts in exercise and nutrition and help them be the best that they can be. Who is someone you trust as an “expert” in their love for God—someone who makes wise choices, trusts God no matter what, and treats others well? Reach out to that person today and ask them for some advice on how you can grow. Maybe even ask if they would mentor/train you to be the best that you can be in your relationship with Christ

**ASK OTHERS FOR HELP AS  
YOU GROW IN FAITH**

# DAY 3

READ LUKE 11:28

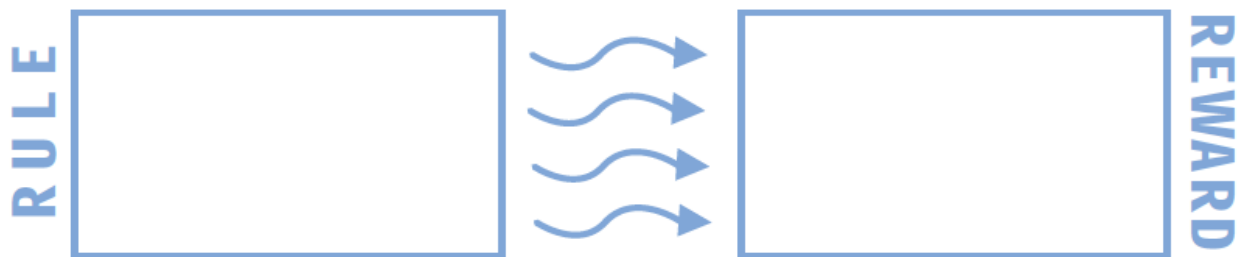
What are some of the rules you follow?

At school?

At home?

At church?

Now, what are some of the rewards of following those rules?



If you get stuck, ask your family and friends for ideas. God says that we'll be blessed when we hear God's Word and we do what He says. Blessings are like rewards. Write down any blessings that you can think of to remind yourself of the good that can come from practicing WISDOM and following God's rules.

**LOOK FOR WAYS TO PUT GOD'S WORD  
INTO PRACTICE THIS WEEK!**



# DAY 4

## READ 1 PETER 2:1 - 3

What is your favorite food? Do you remember the first time you had it? Do you find it easy to just have one bite of that food, or does one bite make you want more and more?

As you read God's Word and start to see what it has to do with your everyday life, you'll begin to want to read and understand it more. Ask an adult what their favorite part of the Bible is and when they first read it. Why do they like it so much?

Draw a picture of your favorite food and a part of the Bible you want to check out on a piece of paper. Then draw the word WISDOM next to it. Hang it in your room to remind yourself that when you hear God speaking to you through the Bible, it can be hard to stop reading!

**KNOW THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW  
MORE ABOUT HIM AND WHAT HE'S DONE.**