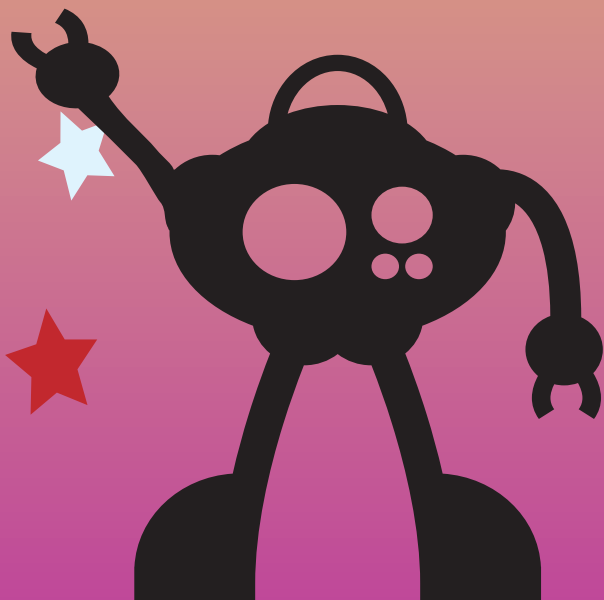




**FEBRUARY**  
**2019**  
**Elementary**  
**Journal**



# MEMORY VERSE

[I PRAY] THAT CHRIST  
MAY DWELL IN YOUR



THROUGH  
FAITH,

BEING rooted and

grounded IN LOVE

EPHESIANS 3:17

# 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**

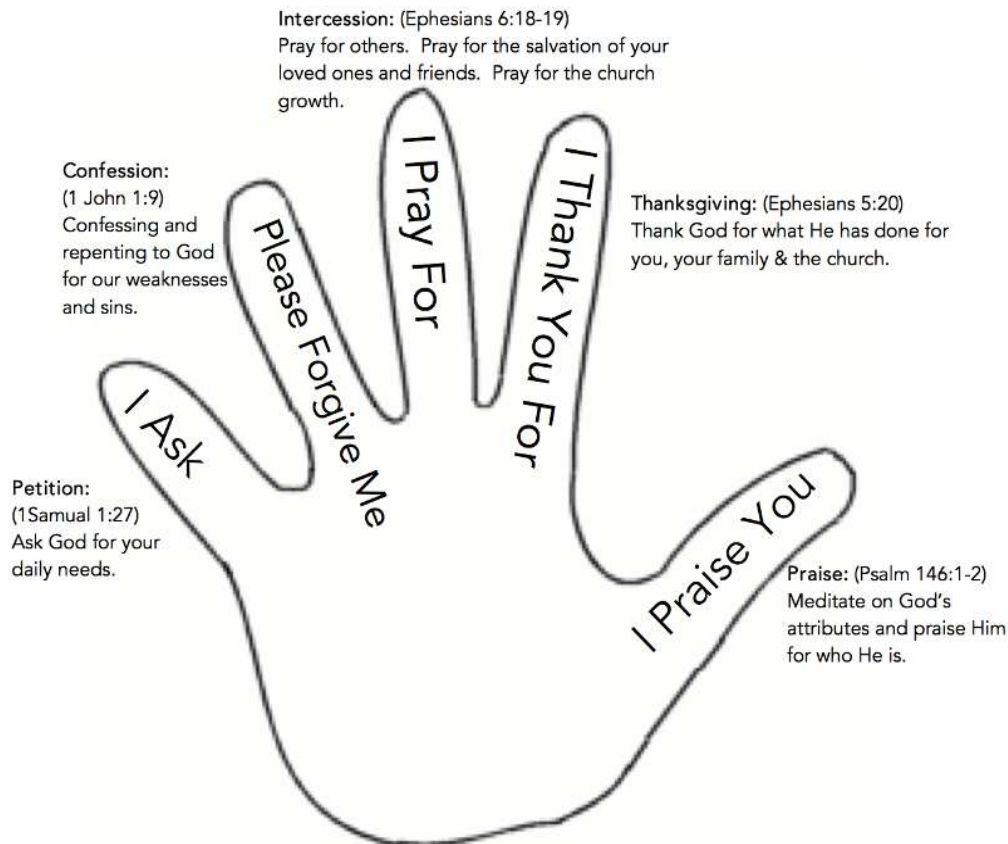
## **HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE**

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.



**WEEK 1**

**THE GOOD  
SAMARITAN**

**LUKE 10:30-37**

**BOTTOM LINE:**

**LOVE OTHERS**

# DAY 1

## READ 1 JOHN 4:7-8

Be honest, how well do you think you have loved others this week?

For instance, do you always grab the biggest snack, call first in line, or say, “I want . . . ” and “That’s MINE” a lot? Or instead, do you invite others to go ahead of you, give the biggest cookie to your annoying little brother, sometimes lose a game on purpose to let your opponent feel good about themselves, and say kind things to others?

These verses show that God IS love. If we claim to follow Jesus, we will be so full of His love, that it will pour out of us and splash all over everyone else around us—in short, we will be living inside OUT when we love others.

How can you show God’s love to others this week?

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GOD’S LOVE WORKS THROUGH US

# DAY 2

**READ LUKE 10:29-37**

*~ God is so creative ~*

Instead of handing us a rule book on how to live, He mixed it up by having Jesus tell stories, perform amazing miracles, and had other authors write poems, songs, or letters. That makes the Bible so much more interesting to read. Sometimes, it's actually fun to try and figure out God's message to us. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus tells a story that gives us some clues as to how He wants us to live.

See if you can figure them out here:

**Who is the main character of the story? (v30)**

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**What was the crime? (v30)**

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**Who didn't help the victim? (v31 & v32)**

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**Who did help the victim? (v33)**

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**What question does this story answer? (v36)**

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**What do you think God's message to you is from this story?**

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**THANK GOD FOR GIVING US STORIES TO HELP  
US UNDERSTAND HOW HE WANTS US TO LIVE.**



# DAY 3

## **READ JOHN 13:34**

For Day Three, you asked yourself about how well you love others. How did you find ways to love others yesterday? If you didn't have a chance, don't worry, there's always another chance to live inside OUT today. Here's a way you can remind yourself.

Write John 13:34 in the below or on a small Post-it Note as a simple reminder. Place it on a mirror or on the screen of a device you always carry with you. Every time you see the verses, pray and ask God to help you see how you can love whoever your eyes land on. Let's live inside OUT and treat others the way we want to be treated!

**LOOK FOR WAYS TO SHOW  
GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS**

# DAY 4

## READ PSALM 136:26

Have you ever done something that you thought was so bad that you began to think maybe you didn't deserve God's love? Well, guess what? God's love is bigger than anything you can do. Check out the truth that David sang about in the Psalm above. There are a couple of big words in there; let's unpack those together.

STEADFAST = firmly fixed in place, not subject to change  
ENDURES = to last or continue to exist in the same state.

**GOD LOVES** \_\_\_\_\_

[YOUR NAME]

**WITH A STEADFAST LOVE THAT WILL ENDURE FOREVER!**

Now, say the promise above **OUT LOUD**. Repeat it over and over again—up to 100 times if you need to—until its truth has sunk down deep in your heart. (Warning: knowing how much you are loved may result in exuberantly loud, and joyful shouting!)

**ASK GOD TO HELP HIS LOVE  
WORK THROUGH YOU.**