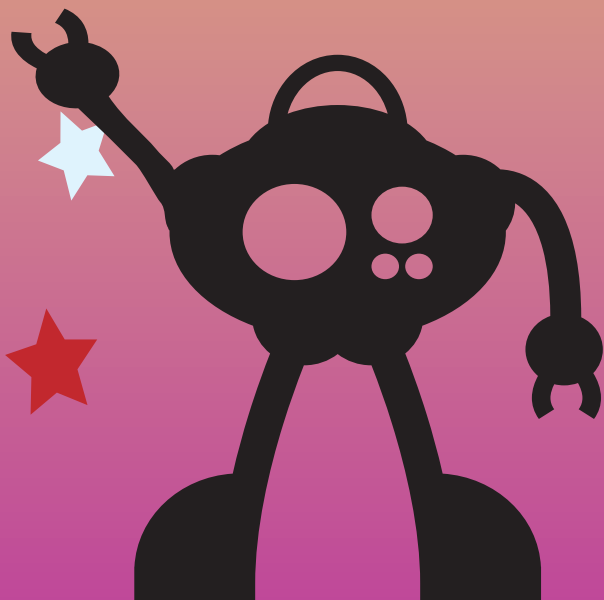




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Parent Letter

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



MEMORY VERSE

[I PRAY] THAT CHRIST
MAY DWELL IN YOUR



THROUGH
FAITH,

BEING rooted and

grounded IN LOVE

EPHESIANS 3:17

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.



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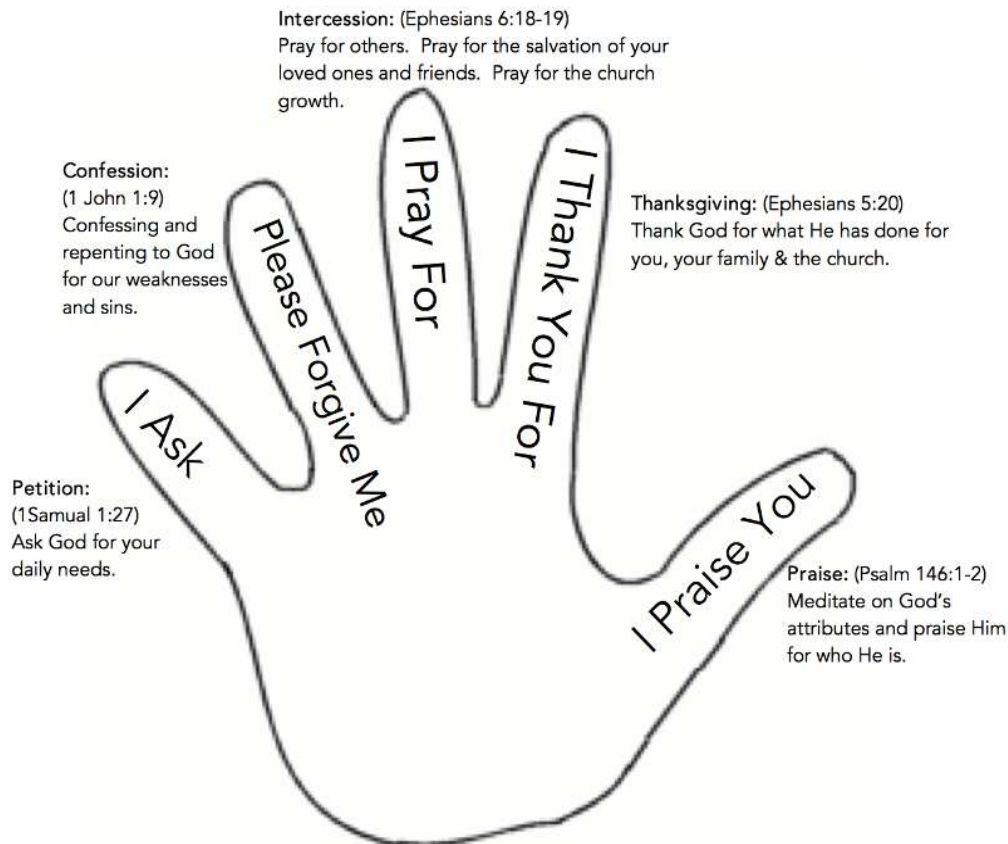
HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE

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 3

**THE
RICH
MAN**

LUKE 12:13-21

**BOTTOM LINE:
GOD'S LOVE SENT JESUS TO
BE OUR GREATEST TREASURE**

DAY 1

READ LUKE 12:16-21

In this story, a rich man is blessed with a very prosperous year. He harvests so much that he doesn't have room for it all. Instead of sharing his extra, he build bigger barns to store up the extra crops for a later date. In Jesus' story, the rich man dies that very night and never gets to "enjoy" all that surplus that he saved up.

Sometimes we get distracted in this life and think that our most important treasures are the things we have and the toys we play with. But we learned this week that

OUR GREATEST TREASURE IS JESUS!

Let's spend some time going through some of our toys and clothes and find items that we would want to give to another child who maybe has less than we do. We can show God's love to someone else by sharing with them the things we have been given.

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

DAY 2

READ MATTHEW 6:19-21

Have you ever lost something that was really important to you? Maybe it was your favorite toy. Or electronic device like a smartphone or Nintendo Switch.

What did you do? Were you upset?

We have many things that we treasure.
It could be your toys, your family, your friends.
These are all great things, but they are only temporary.

There is a treasure that no one can take away.
There is a treasure that will never break or ever get lost.

**THAT TREASURE IS GOD.
OUR ULTIMATE TREASURE IS HIS LOVE FOR US.
IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL LAST IN OUR LIVES FOREVER.**

The amazing thing about God is that even when you don't think of him as your treasure, He still thinks of you as His.

Even when your toys or special things are more important than God, He still loves you. Isn't His love amazing? I know when people don't love me back the way I love them, I get angry, but God doesn't. He keeps on loving and treating you like his special child. He is our forever treasure.

**KNOW THAT GOD LOVES YOU AND
YOU ARE HIS SPECIAL TREASURE**

DAY 3

READ PHILLIPIANS 2:3-4

Shut a door then take 10 steps back from it. Now, hold your dominant pointer finger (on the hand you write with) in front of you and stare at it.

Without taking your eyes off your finger, slowly bring it towards your face until it's touching the end of your nose. Keep staring at it and walk to the door and try to reach out and open it without ever taking your eyes off the finger at the end of your nose.

It is not easy to see or do anything when you're so focused on yourself, is it? Write about it below.

**LOOK FOR WAYS YOU CAN LIVE
INSIDE OUT BY LOOKING TO THE
INTERESTS OF OTHERS TODAY.**

DAY 4

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Have you ever gotten something that you really, really wanted? As happy as you were to receive it, the person who gave it to you was probably way more excited to give it than you were to get it. Don't believe me? Then take the "Love people more than things" giveaway challenge!

CHALLENGE:

Find something of yours that you know someone else likes or wants—maybe a younger sibling really likes one of your stuffed animals or a toy you've outgrown, maybe a friend admires one of your cool T-shirts or rubber band bracelets, maybe a neighbor likes playing with a certain toy. Be sure to get permission from a parent before you give something away, but when you've got their blessing, go ahead and give it away.

Give away three different things to three different people, and see if it doesn't make you feel amazing to be a cheerful giver!

**KNOW THAT GOD'S HEART IS
THRILLED WHEN HE SEES YOU
PRACTICING GENEROSITY.**