



MARCH 2019

Elementary Journal



MEMORY VERSE

SIMON PETER ANSWERED,

*“You are the Christ,
the Son of
the Living God.”*

MATTHEW 16:16 NIRV

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

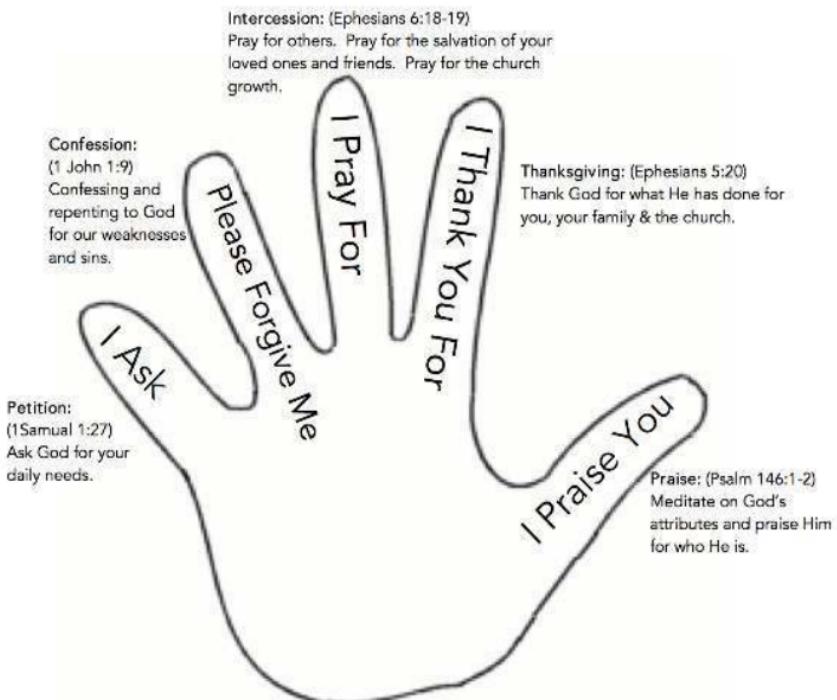
HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE

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.



WEEK 1

THE
WIDOW'S
GIFT

MARK 12:41-44

BOTTOM LINE:
JESUS IS WORTHY
OF MY EVERYTHING

DAY 1

READ: MARK 12:41-44

Of all the people Jesus noticed that day, do you know who He was most impressed by?

Not the rich man throwing in a huge handful of coins.

Not the guy with the flashy clothes and coolest toys who made a big show of his gift.

Jesus praised the poor woman who dropped in two small coins, worth LESS than a penny.

When you give what you have back to God—even if it's small—He can use it in amazing ways. When you practice telling others about God, praying to Him, and listening to what He has to say, you show the people around you who He really is. You never know how your actions or your words might have the power to change someone else. No commitment to God is too small.

On Sunday, you made a worship box—go back and look at the box you made and how you want to worship God this week. Pick out a paper or two and talk with your mom or dad about how you can do practice that form of worship this week.

**THANK GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
TO LIVE FOR HIM.**

DAY 2

READ: JOSHUA 24:15

You make choices every single day.

Will I wear my sneakers or my sandals? Will I ride my bike or my scooter after school?

Will I sit with my friend Anna or my friend Kiesha at lunch?

Living for God comes down to choices too.

When there's a choice to make, we need to be like Joshua.

He gathered everyone together and gave a challenge, saying, "Choose today whom you will serve."

Are you willing to make that same choice?

Will you commit to live for God even when no one else around you seems to be doing the same?

Check out the list of choices below. Without stopping or second-guessing, quickly choose one or the other.

Chocolate or vanilla	Burger or pizza
Beach or mountains	Red or blue
Bike or scooter	First or last
Soccer or basketball	Cake or ice cream
Lunch or recess	
Listening to music or reading a book	

So you have a choice this week.

Who will you put first?

God, yourself, friends, or family?

**LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO
COMMIT TO LIVING FOR GOD.**

DAY 3

READ: DEUTERONOMY 6:13A

If you want to know God better, make Him more important than anything.

How do you do that?

You worship Him with your life!

That means your thoughts, words, and actions are geared toward praising God!

That means when you talk to Him you tell Him how much you love Him.

Make God more important than anything.

It's a wise choice!

Worship Him because He is...

(find and circle the words):

CREATOR	FATHER	GOD
HOLY	HOLY	LIGHT
LOVING	POWER	WISDOM

N	H	E	R	C	G
P	O	W	E	R	N
L	L	I	H	E	I
I	Y	S	T	A	V
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TELL GOD HOW MUCH YOU
LOVE HIM AND WHY

DAY 4

READ: PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7

If you want to know God better, make Him more important than anything.

Today's verse provides all sorts of praise-worthy options.

You can say or shout words of thanks; you can play Him music or sing a song; you can bow down humbly; you can kneel in reverence.

Why?

Because He is

Lord
creator
SHEPHERD



PRAISE JAM TIME!

Blast music as you sing, dance, and shout out to God.
(with permission, of course)

KNOW THAT GOD IS
PLEASED BY YOUR PRAISE