



**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

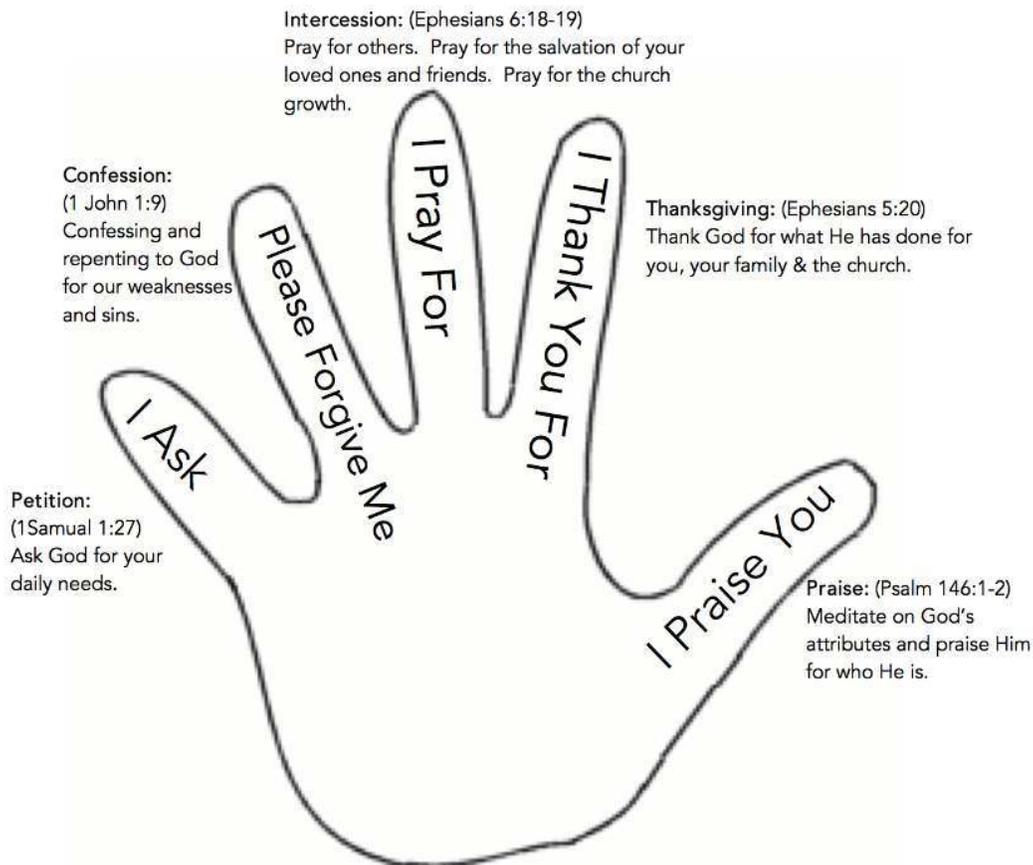
HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE

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 4

**TRIUMPHAL
ENTRY**

MATTHEW 21:1-17

BOTTOM LINE:

**JESUS IS OUR
RESCUER AND KING**

DAY 1

READ ZECHARIAH 9:9

God spoke these words through the Prophet Zechariah 500 years before Jesus was even born!

The people from Zechariah's time must have thought Zechariah was nuts! He told people great news: A king was coming to save the day. But then the news turned weird: The king would arrive on a donkey.

What would you have thought if you heard that news?

Zechariah's news sounded weird, but it's exactly what happened. The King of kings didn't ride into town in a limo or chariot. He wasn't wearing a million-dollar robe and a gold crown. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey because he was humble. He wasn't trying to put on a big show. He was trying to show the world that He was a king and he was a servant. Jesus lived to serve people - and he died to save people.

That's different than any other king would have done. But he's unlike any other king. And he asks his people to walk in humility and servant hood. Are you ready to follow?

**ASK GOD TO HELP YOU
FOLLOW HIM**

DAY 2

Excerpt from “Thoughts to make your heart sing,” by Sally Lloyd Jones

The true story of God coming to rescue his children is Top-sy-Turvy Good News!

Jesus said, ‘The way to be the greatest is to be the least. The way to be the greatest is to be the least. The way to save your life is to give it away.’

Jesus didn’t come with wealth. He came as a poor man.

He didn’t come as a General to grab power. He came as a baby.

He didn’t come to be Boss of everyone. He came to be a servant.

And – without fighting a single military battle – God’s undercover Prince conquered the whole world!

‘But God chose... the weak things of the world to shame the strong.’ 1 Corinthians 1:27

DAY 3

READ REVELATION 5:11-13

We learned on Sunday that the people celebrated as Jesus came into Jerusalem. They were excited because they thought that Jesus would become a king that would take over the Roman government. They had heard of all the wonderful miracles that Jesus did and of all the wise things He said.

What are some things that you get excited about? Make a list or draw a picture below:

Jesus came to be a king, but not the type of king you would think.

He didn't come to save us from a government; he came to save us from our sin! This was all part of God's Great Rescue Plan from the very beginning.

Jesus came to this world, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and then rose from the grave! He is now our victorious King in heaven!

One day, He will come for us again. We will see him in the sky and He will wear a crown, but it will not be a crown of thorns. It will be a crown of gold, and on His robe will be His name: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Everyone who loves the King of Kings will be singing praises to Him. They will be wearing white robes and on their heads will be crowns, too. Jesus will reign as King forever! Won't this be wonderful?

THANK GOD FOR SENDING JESUS AND THANK HIM FOR OUR GREAT AND AWESOME KING JESUS!

DAY 4

READ LUKE 19:38-40

What's the best gift that you've ever gotten? Or what's the greatest thing that someone has done for you? Write or draw it below:

God has given us the great gift ever, Jesus!

Read Romans 11:35-36.

We were made to worship God! That's what the people in Jerusalem were doing. All creation was made to worship! We all want to celebrate something, just think about the crazy people at sports games that dress funny, paint their face, make posters, and cheer really loud!

But what Paul was saying in Romans was; If you have the urge to worship - to get over-the-top excited about something, wrapped up in it, and ready to celebrate it - why not worship the most important thing? The thing you were actually made to worship. Why not worship Jesus?

Thank him for being awesome. Get excited and celebrate him with other people. Find ways to honor him with your life.

That's what worship means. It means that you will develop habits of praising and serving and giving. Because you understand that you were ...

...made by God.

...remade through Jesus.

...made for the purpose of worshipping Him.

TAKE A MOMENT AND WORSHIP JESUS!