



**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](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

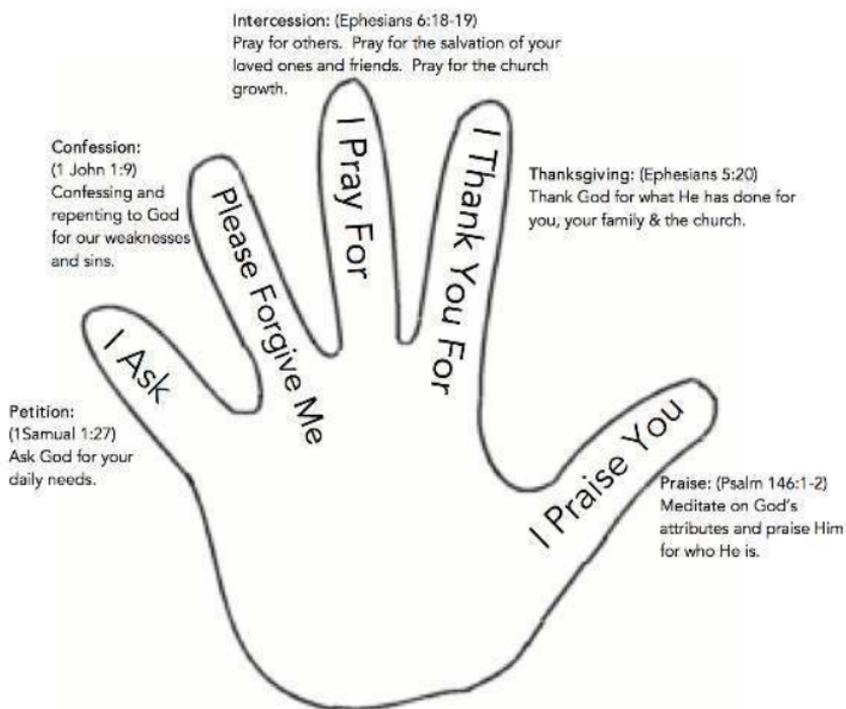
### **HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE**

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 2

WHO DO YOU  
SAY I AM?

MATTHEW 16:13-20

BOTTOM LINE:

JESUS IS THE CHRIST

# DAY 1

## READ MATTHEW 16:13-20

Peter recognized who Jesus REALLY was. Not just a teacher with wise things to say. Not just a miracle worker who could heal the sick. Not just a prophet who spoke for God. Jesus is Christ, the Son of God, sent to save the world from its sin problem.

If Jesus was standing right in front of you and asked the same question, how would you respond? Who do YOU say Jesus is? Do the people around you know what you believe about Jesus by the words you say and the way you live?

When you know that God loves you and everyone around you so much that He would send His only Son to save you, it changes the way you live and the choices you make.

Gather your siblings or some friends in your neighborhood and play "Follow the Leader." What is the goal of this game? What happens if you don't follow the leader? How is this game like following God? How is it different?

**KNOW THAT GOD LOVES IT WHEN WE  
SHOW OTHERS WHAT HE'S LIKE.**

# DAY 3

## READ PHILEMON 1:6

When you were little, did your mom or dad make a big deal about sharing with siblings or other friends?

Was it hard to let someone else have a turn with something you really wanted to play with?

Sharing doesn't always come naturally.

Sharing our stuff is pretty important, but we need to share something even MORE important than our stuff.

We need to share what we believe about God. Part of getting to know God more is to practice telling others about Him.

Do you know anyone—maybe at school, on your sports team, in your neighborhood—who doesn't go to church?

Talk to a parent or whoever takes you to church about inviting that person to church with you one Sunday.

**ASK GOD TO HELP YOU TELL  
OTHERS ABOUT HIM**

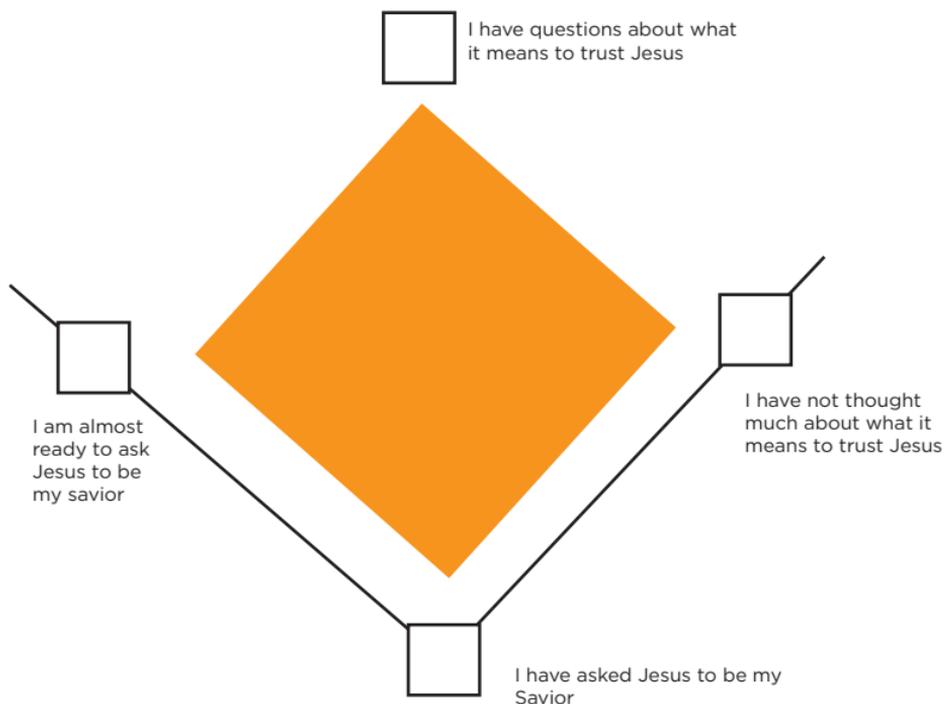
# DAY 4

## READ REVELATION 1:5

Jesus makes things right for us by freeing us from our mess-ups--our sins. He did this by dying for all our sins. If we believe in Him, He will forgive us and give us life with Him in heaven forever. We can't make ourselves right or get ourselves to heaven; only Jesus can!

Where are you on the ball field below?

Put a check next to the base that shows where you are right now.



**KNOW WHAT YOU  
BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS**