



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

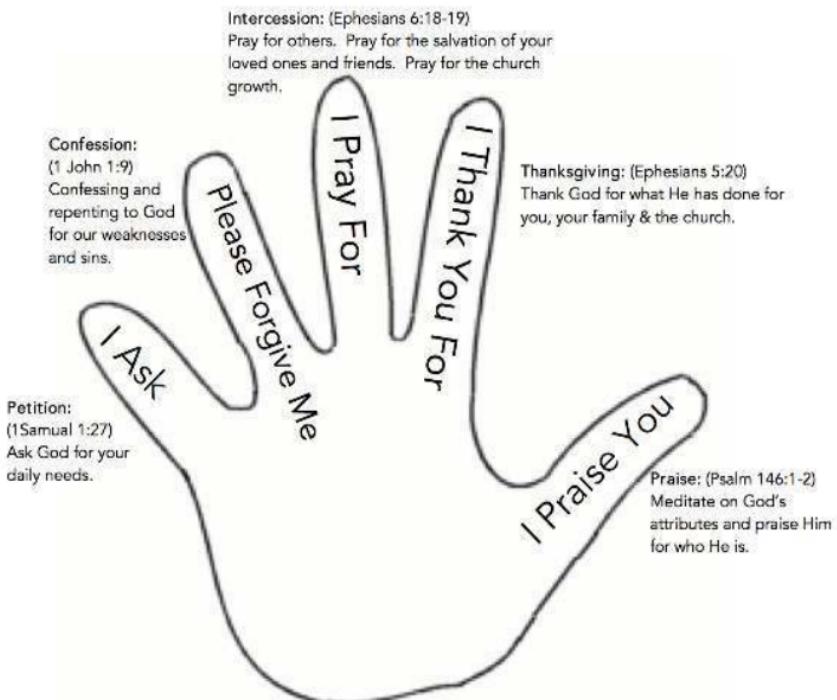
HONOR GOD WITH YOUR LIFE

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 5

LAST SUPPER

LUKE 22:7-23

JOHN 13:33-38

BOTTOM LINE:
REMEMBER,
JESUS DIED FOR YOU

DAY 1

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' " Matthew 2:1-2

From the very beginning of time, God has been writing a wonderful story. He knew the beginning and He knows the end. It has many happy moments and some sad moments. In the beginning God made the world and it was a Magnificent Paradise but then people broke God's rule and now we live in a Broken World. But God didn't leave it broken, He had a Great Rescue Plan! He was going to send a Savior! For hundreds of years, God's people had been enslaved by different nations. After suffering constantly, they were tired, frustrated, and worn out. They begged God to send them a deliverer. They longed for someone to rescue them. When Jesus was born, the people thought he was the answer to their prayers. He did things only God could do. Draw or list below some of the miracles Jesus did:

God's people, and even Jesus' disciples, were excited for their freedom from slavery. But they thought Jesus would rescue them by force, military might, power, and become their king on earth.

God's Rescue Plan was about to change everything. No one expected Jesus to die humbly on a cross.

The deliverance Jesus brought wasn't from slavery to other nations. Jesus offered freedom from sin and death.

God is often surprising. He doesn't always give us what we want. But in his wisdom, he gives us exactly what we need. We might think we need to be saved from hard situations, but our need for salvation from sin and death is much greater. And Jesus delivers us.

THANK JESUS FOR BEING A KING WHO CONQUERED SIN AND DEATH.

THANK HIM FOR GIVING YOU EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED

DAY 2

READ ISAIAH 53:5-6

If you were hurt badly in an accident, can you think of someone who cares enough to donate blood to save your life?

Can you think of someone who cares enough that they would give you one of their kidneys to save your life?

Doctors can do so many wonderful things to help people, but they cannot make people live forever.

Jesus is the only one who can do that. He loved you enough to give His life for you! That's what these verses in Isaiah mean.

During the last supper Jesus had with His disciples, He told them the bread represented His body that He would give for them (when He died on the cross). This week, every time you eat bread at a meal, stop and say a "thank you" to Jesus for giving His life so that you can live forever.

**THANK JESUS FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE
FOR YOU TO LIVE FOREVER**

DAY 3

READ ISAIAH 1:18

Have you ever gotten hurt and bled? Maybe you used a white paper towel or tissue to clean the wound.

If you did, did you notice how the blood really showed up against the white?

Today's verse compares our sin (wrongdoing) to something red, like blood. Only God can forgive your sins and erase them. God says He will make your sins as "white as snow."

Our sins can be forgiven because Jesus gave His life for us.

Think about where you are in your relationship with Jesus. Put a check next to the one that describes you.

- I have a lot of questions about what it means to be a Christian.
- I understand some things, but still have some questions.
- I understand and I'm thinking about becoming a Christian.
- I've asked Jesus to be my Savior.

**ASK GOD TO HELP YOU FIND THE
ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS**

DAY 4

READ PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6

Scrapbooking is a popular hobby. Why do you think people are willing to spend so much time at it? Because it helps preserve memories of special people and special times.

Even when a person moves far away or a special day is over, we have our memories to comfort us and make us smile.

Jesus used the last supper as a tool to help His disciples remember Him and what He did for them. Having a meal is something we do about three times a day.

Do you stop to remember Jesus that often?

Imagine getting to heaven and looking at a scrapbook with people who helped you know more about Jesus.

Whose picture would be in the book? Write their names below:

LOOK FOR PEOPLE WHO TEACH YOU ABOUT
JESUS AND THANK GOD FOR THEM