



WESTGATEKIDS

Family Devotional Guide for Sunday, May 21th

Preschool & Kindergarten:

This week we're teaching about how Jesus is God's son. Read Luke 4:18-19 with your child (we suggest the NLT, NIV, or NIVR translations). Help your child to understand that Jesus was talking about himself, that we would do amazing thing to help people. Jesus wasn't just a normal person, he was the son of God. Ask your child what *they* think makes Jesus special and share your own answer.

Grades 1-3:

This week we're teaching about the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Read the passage with your child (we suggest the NLT, NIV, or NIVR translations) and ask... *Why do you think the devil was trying to get Jesus to sin? How did Jesus "defend himself" against the temptation of the devil? Have you ever been tempted to do something, say something, or think something wrong before? How can we guard ourselves against the temptation to sin? How did Jesus guard himself?* Pray with your child regarding any temptations they may be facing. If possible, find a scripture for them to memorize that relates to their struggle.

Grades 4-6:

This week we're teaching about *gratitude*. Read Ephesians 5:18-20 with your child (NLT, NIV or MSG versions are great for older kids). Tell them about the last time YOU grumbled or complained about something... ask, *when was the last time you complained about something? Why do you think it's so important to God that we "give thanks for everything"? What can we be thankful for right now?!* Write down 5 things you're grateful for on a piece of paper, have your child do the same. Show them to each other and share why you're grateful for those things. Make it a point for the next few days to pray with your child specifically thanking God for what each of you have written on your lists.