

Dear Parent(s),

I trust you are having a great week! I have been declaring, “You will thrive!” over you and your household. Philippians 4:13 in the Passion Translation says, “And I find that the strength of Christ’s explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty.” I can’t imagine all the changes the Coronavirus has brought to your household. But, I believe the goodness of God will not only allow our households to thrive, but our children as well. Psalm 8:2 says, “Through the praises of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.” This week let’s help our kids thrive and step into the authority that God has placed upon them so they can silence the enemy and bring transformation to the world around them. I am praying for you as you continue to equip your kids to encounter the presence of God and to bring transformation to the world around them.

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## You Will Thrive!

### **Praise and Worship**

We have released three Spotify playlists to help our kids encounter the presence of Lord, to change the atmosphere around them, and to use their voice to defeat the enemy. Here is how you can access our Catch The Fire Kids Playlists.

#### **Kids Worship Playlist**

### **Declarations**

A declaration is acknowledgement of a fact, the act of making an assertive statement or announcement. And when we make these based from the Word of the Lord they become a powerful weapon for breakthrough. In this weeks lesson I have included a few declarations for your family to declare, along with an activity for helping your child write their own declarations.

### **Prophetic Activation**

Just as God was calling to Samuel in the middle of the night, our Heavenly Father is actively calling out, longing to talk with our children. Joel 2:28 says, “...I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, ...” Our kids will thrive when they encounter the presence of God and hear his voice. In the lesson this week there is a prophetic activation that you can do together as a family that will help our kids hear God and bring transformation to others.



## ELEMENTARY LESSON

### Lesson Title: Sleeping Through the Storm

**Bible Story: Jesus Calms The Storm** Read the Bible Story together in Mark 4:35-41

#### Memory Verse

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

**Philippians 4:6-7**

#### Family Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus continued to sleep during such a bad storm? (He knew God would take care of them. He knew he had power over the storm.)
2. Why did Jesus' friends think He didn't care about them?
3. How did Jesus show them He would help them when they asked?
4. Why do you think Jesus' friends were so amazed when He stopped the storm? (They didn't realize He had power over wind and waves. They didn't realize how powerful He really was.)
5. What do you think a kid who needs peace should do? (Ask a trusted person for help. Pray)
6. What does Philippians 4:6-7 tell us to do?

#### Wrap Up:

Jesus proved that He has power over all of creation. He can keep us safe in any storm. He can give us peace in any scary situation. When times are hard and scary, there is no one like Jesus to depend on. When we ask for His help and remember His power, it gives us peace of mind in scary times.

#### REFLECTION

Write out some things that make you anxious. Ask God how he wants to respond to the things that make you anxious.



## PRESCHOOL LESSON

### Bible Story: Everybody's

**Welcome** Peter and Cornelius from Acts 10.

Watch the following video together:  **Everybody's Welcome - Peter's Vision And Cornelius**

### Memory Verse

*"The family of God is the church."* **1 Timothy 3:15**

### Family Questions

1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?
2. What was the Preschool Big Idea?
  - ▶ You are welcome in God's family when you trust and follow Jesus.
3. What did the picture passes mean?
  - ▶ Welcome Mat - God welcomes all of us into his family.
  - ▶ Puzzle - When we trust and follow Jesus we have a place in God's family.
  - ▶ Globe - That is how big God's family is.

### Explore God's Big Story:

Peter told Cornelius and his friends that God's love is not just for a select few. God sent His gift of the Holy Spirit to Jews and Gentiles alike. God's love and forgiveness is available to everyone who chooses to believe in Jesus. God welcomes everyone!

## PRAYER

Dear God, I am grateful that you welcome everyone! Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to make me part of your family. Amen.



## Family Activities

### FAMILY DECLARATIONS

In light of the Coronavirus here are some declarations that you can declare to help silence the enemy and to position your children to thrive during this season. When you have declared these help your children find two or three other passages of scripture that they can turn into declarations. A good place to start is with the promises of God that we find in the Bible. ***We will thrive!*** - Philippians 4:13 (Passion Translation) "And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty." ***I am strong!*** - Joel 3:10 (NKJV) Let the weak say, "I am strong!" ***I declare I will not be afraid, and that I will be full of perfect peace.*** - 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.

### PROPHETIC ACTIVATION

God is longing to speak to our kids, and through our kids. Joel 2:28 says, "...I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy ..." In 1 Corinthians 14:3 it gives us the guidelines for prophesying to others, "But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort." In the natural our kids bring such joy and happiness to others. But I always like to say, "they are not just cute, they are powerful!" Our kids can thrive as they listen to God on behalf for others.

As a family, think of people in your lives who need a word of encouragement, strength or comfort. Perhaps they are going through tough times because of the Coronavirus. Have your kids spend a few moments asking God "what encouraging word would you like to give to \_\_\_\_\_?" Next, write them or text them the encouraging word you heard God say. Also, remember to pray for each of them throughout the week.