

Toddler Parent Center Guide

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 — Jesus had one last amazing message before He went to heaven!

This month's big idea: The Church is God's family!

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE — “...*The family of God is the church...*” — *1 Timothy 3:15*
NIRV

THE FAMILY (give yourself a hug) ... OF GOD (point way up high) ... IS THE CHURCH (press both pointer fingers together into a steeple)

TALK ABOUT IT

- Jesus loves everybody! Who are some people you love a lot?
- Jesus told His disciples to tell the whole world about Him. Do you know anybody you could tell about Jesus?
- Can you pretend to climb a big mountain with Jesus and His disciples?

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week your child learned the story of Jesus going to heaven and practiced five actions: climbing a mountain, making a wide circle for the “whole world,” counting everyone in the room, slowly rising up like they’re floating in a cloud, and pointing to their heart then up to heaven. Try all five at home and ask your child to tell you what each one means!

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: “Jesus, thank you for loving the whole world — including us! Help us tell people about You. Amen.”

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11 — God's family is huge — and YOUR family is part of it!

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TALK ABOUT IT

- God's family — the Church — has people in it from all over the world! How many people do you think are in God's family?
- Our church is part of our family too! Who are your favorite people at church?
- The disciples had a big job: tell the whole world about Jesus. What do YOU want to tell people about Jesus?

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week the kids shuffled the story cards and put them back in order. Tell the story yourself at home — and get it wrong on purpose! "Wait, did Jesus go into the clouds BEFORE or AFTER He talked to His disciples?" Let your child be the expert who fixes it. They'll feel so proud!

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: "God, thank you for making a big family called the Church. Thank you that WE get to be in it! Amen."

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 — We get to tell people about Jesus — just like the disciples did!

This month's big idea: God always keeps His promises!

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TALK ABOUT IT

- The disciples got to tell the whole world about Jesus. Who can help YOU tell people about Him?
- Who first told YOU about Jesus? Thank God for that person this week!
- Jesus promised He would always be with us. Does that help you feel better when things are hard?

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week the kids played “Now What?” — guessing what happens next at each step of the story. At home, ask: “What did the disciples do after Jesus went to heaven?” (They obeyed and went to Jerusalem!) Then connect it: “When we go to church, we’re doing the same thing — gathering with God’s family, just like they did!”

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: “Jesus, thank you for always being with us. Help us tell people about You everywhere we go. Amen.”

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25 – Jesus went to heaven — and He is still with us today!

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TALK ABOUT IT

- If Jesus disappeared into the clouds right in front of you, how do you think you'd feel?
- The disciples went right back to work after Jesus left. What's one thing YOU can do to be like the disciples?
- Jesus lives in heaven AND in our hearts! Can you point to heaven? Now point to your heart! He's in both places!

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week the kids played “What's Missing?” with the story cards. At home, play a simple hide-and-find game — take turns hiding a small toy and guessing which one is missing. Then say: “Even when we can't SEE Jesus, He's never missing — He's always right here in our hearts!”

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: “Jesus, we love You! Thank you for going to heaven AND for always being with us. Help us be part of your family every day. Amen.”