

Upper Elementary Parent Center Guide (4th & 5th)

JUNE 7 - Who watches you lead?

Memory Verse: "You are the light of the world — like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."
— Matthew 5:14–16 NLT

TALK ABOUT IT

Who do you think actually watches you and looks up to you? Try to think of 5 or 6 — it's probably more people than you'd expect, and not just younger kids.

What do you think it means to be a "light" in someone's life? Have you ever been that for someone without realizing it?

Before today, did you think of yourself as an influencer? What do you think now?

What's one small way you could shine a little brighter starting this week?

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child if there's anything on their heart to pray about. You start, then invite them to add on — no pressure. Try something like: "God, help us remember that people are watching, and help us lead them toward you."

JUNE 14 - Who do you listen to?

Memory Verse: "You are the light of the world — like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."
— Matthew 5:14–16 NLT

TALK ABOUT IT

Who are the main people or voices you find yourself listening to or following — online or in real life?

Have you ever followed someone's lead and it didn't go well? What happened?

Is there someone in your life whose example you really respect? What makes them worth following?

The idea today was that "who you follow feeds you." What do you think the people you follow most are actually feeding you?

If a friend kept pushing you to do something you knew wasn't right, what do you think you'd actually do?

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they'd like to pray for. You can open with: "God, give us wisdom to know who's worth listening to, and the courage to say no when we need to."

JUNE 21 - Do you value authority?

Memory Verse: "You are the light of the world — like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."
— Matthew 5:14–16 NLT

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think it's hard to respect authority sometimes? Is there a type of authority that's easier or harder for you to follow?

Can you think of a time when someone using their authority actually made you feel safe or protected?

What do you think you have authority over right now? How do you think you can earn more trust and responsibility?

Is there someone in your life who uses their authority in a way that makes you want to follow God more? What are they like?

How does it feel to follow God's lead — is it more like a burden or more like a relief?

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what's on their heart. Try: "God, help us trust that your authority is always good — and help us be people who use whatever authority we have to point others toward you."

JUNE 28 - How do your friendships help you get closer to God?

Memory Verse: "The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared their lives together. They ate and prayed together." — Acts 2:42 NIRV

TALK ABOUT IT

Which of your friendships makes you feel like a better person? What is it about that person?

What do you think it actually looks like to "share your life" with someone — not just hang out, but really let them in?

This week you learned five different ways to pray. Which one feels most natural to you — and which one do you almost never do?

FIVE WAYS TO PRAY

Looking back — thanking God for what's already happened

Looking up — praising God for who he is

Looking in — asking forgiveness and for help to change

Looking around — praying for the needs of people near you

Looking forward — sharing your hopes and dreams with God

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they'd like to pray for. Consider trying one of the five prayer styles above together — let your child pick which one. You start, invite them to finish if they want.