

WEEK FOUR

GOD IS | GOD IS NEAR

WATCH THE VIDEO LESSON BY GOING TO THEROCKCA.COM/KIDS AND CLICKING ON THE ELEMENTARY VIDEO: GOD IS NEAR.

CROSSING THE WATER

WHAT YOU NEED: LARGE TARP, SHEET, OR PARACHUTE, SMALL BALLS OR BEAN BAGS (OPTIONAL)

WHAT TO DO:

1. INVITE THE FAMILY TO STAND AROUND THE EDGES OF THE TARP, SHEET, OR PARACHUTE AND GRAB IT.
2. HAVE THEM HOLD THE TARP CLOSE TO THE GROUND AND SHAKE IT TO MAKE LARGE, WAVE-LIKE RIPPLES —THEIR OWN "STORM" ON A BODY OF WATER.
3. THEN ASK ONE PERSON TO WALK ACROSS THE TARP WHILE EVERYONE CONTINUES TO SHAKE IT.
4. OPTIONAL: TOSS IN BOUNCY BALLS OR BEANBAGS TO MAKE THE STORM MORE CHAOTIC. REPEAT UNTIL EVERYONE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO WALK ACROSS THE "WATER."

LETTER TO JESUS

WHAT YOU NEED: COLORED PAPER, MARKERS, STICKERS

WHAT TO DO:

1. GIVE EACH CHILD A SHEET OF CONSTRUCTION PAPER OR CARD STOCK.
2. AS A FAMILY, READ THESE PASSAGES ONE AT A TIME OUT LOUD: PSALM 57:1-2; PSALM 136:1; PSALM 139:1-6; PSALM 34:17-18.
3. THEN DISCUSS: WHAT DO THESE VERSES TELL US ABOUT GOD? HOW DO WE KNOW GOD IS NEAR? HOW CAN THESE VERSES HELP US TRUST GOD? HOW DO YOU NEED GOD TO BE NEAR YOU?
4. ASK ALL THE CHILDREN TO TAKE A MINUTE TO THINK OF RESPONSES. HAVE OLDER KIDS WRITE LETTERS FOR THEMSELVES; HAVE YOUNGER KIDS DRAW ON THEIR CARDS. IN THE LETTERS AND ON THE CARDS, THEY SHOULD WRITE OR DRAW ABOUT WHAT THEY LEARNED TODAY AND SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT ABOUT HOW GOD IS NEAR TO THEM. HELP THEM THINK OF TRUTHS ABOUT GOD, SUCH AS "GOD LOVES ME" OR "GOD IS WITH ME." AFTERWARD, THEY CAN DECORATE THE LETTERS AND CARDS.
5. REMIND THEM THAT WHEN THEY'RE HAVING A BAD DAY, THEY CAN PULL OUT THEIR LETTERS OR CARDS AND REMEMBER THAT GOD IS NEAR.