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CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR THANKSGIVING • DUE 11/16

We are collecting canned goods to include in Thanksgiving dinner gift baskets to be distributed at upcoming outreaches such as the Hope Outreach and KWAM. Please drop off your donations in the foyer before November 16th.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES • COLLECTION 11/14-21

We still have many Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to be filled and returned to be distributed to children around the world. Pick up a box from the foyer, pack it, and bring it back to church with you or drop it off between 12-3 pm in front of the church during collection week.

HOW TO PACK
A SHOEBOX



KGBA SHARATHON - TUNE IN NOVEMBER 16-18 9AM - 2PM - TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN RADIO

11/18 • COFFEE NIGHT IN THE COURTYARD | 5-8 PM

HOPE OUTREACH 11/20 | 4PM | IN THE PARKING LOT

Come help us share the gospel with the community through live music, family activities, and giveaways in the parking lot on Sunday November 20 at 4 pm.



11/27 • BAPTISM SUNDAY (10 AM) & MEET THE PASTORS COFFEE (5 PM)

MIDWEEK GATHERING - EACH WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM

This Wednesday (11/16) we will hold our annual **Thanksgiving Service** so come prepared to share about God's blessings in your life. The coffee shop will be open after service and we will have some holiday pies so remember to stay and socialize! There is no service next Wednesday (11/23) due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The following Wednesday (11/30) is Q&A Night!

LUNCH IN THE WORD MEN'S STUDY • TUESDAYS AT NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL

IMPERIAL VALLEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY • TUESDAYS 6:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

ROOTED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-24) TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM • REACH BASEMENT

YOUNG AT HEART COFFEE • 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 AM • LIBRARY

REACH YOUTH GROUP (REACH BASEMENT) & AWANA (FH) • WEDNESDAYS 6:15 PM

MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY

JOY OF LIVING WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS AT 9:30-11:30 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

MOMS IN PRAYER • THURSDAYS 6-7 PM • PRESCHOOL ROOM 4

BETRAYAL & BEYOND WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS 6:30 PM • IV LIFE CENTER

KITCHEN WITH A MISSION • FRIDAYS AT 5:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP • ALTERNATING SATURDAYS • THE COTTAGE

ONGOING

Find the LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS On the CCC Mobile APP or at ccciv.org/lifegroup-resources



Getting to Know You:

1. Name a sequel that was better than the original, then explain why the second was better, more exciting, or more relevant than the first. To what extent does it benefit the sequel that you were already familiar with the characters and plot?
2. Paul begins this letter by giving thanks, and we are entering a season of Thanksgiving. List one or two things God has done recently for which you are thankful.
3. How would you apply the adage 'what you hope for is what you live for' to the books of First and Second Thessalonians?

Digging Deeper

1. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:3, Hebrews 3:12-19, and James 2:17, then discuss the relationship between faith, love, obedience, and good works. How does the story in 2 Kings 6:15-17 exemplify the miraculous power of faith?
2. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 describes the reciprocal glorification between God, Jesus, and the faithful believers in Thessalonica. What do Exodus 33:18-19, and Isaiah 6:1-7, illustrate about God's glory? According to John 15:8 and 2 Corinthians 3:18, how do believers and God generate glory in and through one another?
3. Focusing on God's grace is often more comfortable than discussing His wrath. But without God's wrath, there could be no justice or mercy. Read Ezekiel 33:11 and Romans 5:8-9. How do we come to terms with God's wrath by better comprehending His holiness and righteousness? (See also Romans 9:20-23, and Deuteronomy 32:4) According to 2 Thessalonians 1:4-9, how and when will believers (particularly those suffering or persecuted) ultimately receive justice?

Taking it Home:

1. Looking over your faith journey, where have you seen the most spiritual growth? What motivated you into a closer relationship with God? To what or whom would you attribute any surge in your faith or obedience?
2. Have you struggled to understand God's wrath? How has this lesson helped to change your perspective?
3. How will knowing that God hasn't forgotten or been blind to the suffering you've endured change how you will face trials in the future?

2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-12

FOR SPIRITUAL

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THROUGH GOD'S

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SCAN TO OPEN TODAY'S
OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES >>>



WEEK OF
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Stand: Don't Face Your Fears Alone

PARENT GUIDE
Preteen



First, watch
this week's
video!

**Courage: Being
brave enough
to do what you
should do,
even when
you're afraid**

Memory Verse

"Be strong and brave.
Do not be afraid.
Do not lose hope.
I am the LORD your
God. I will be with you
everywhere
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Joshua 1:9b, NIV

Bible Story

David Anointed/
Goliath
1 Samuel 16:1-13;
17:1-51

Key Question

What seems
impossible to you?

Use this guide to help your family learn
how God can give us courage.



Activity

Rock On

What You Need:

Small stones or rocks*

*Note: If you can't find any rocks, choose another dense object like marbles, softballs, or containers of Play-Doh®.

What You Do:

Set out the rocks (or other objects).

Tell your child, "I'm going to make a statement. If the statement is true for you, pick up a rock and explain your answer. If the statement is true for me, I'll do the same."

Then, read the following statements. Take turns picking up rocks and giving specific examples, explaining your responses.

Statements:

You have been afraid . . .

- about getting a bad grade on a test.
- to stand up for what's right when others aren't.
- to invite someone to our church.
- that you might be the one who makes your team lose a game.
- of being in a new group where you don't know anyone yet.
- to stand up for someone when others won't.
- to try something new.
- to pray out loud when no one else will.

When you're finished, say, "It's OK to feel afraid. And sometimes it feels like we're holding a lot of heavy fears. But we don't have to stay afraid. We can always ask God to help us be courageous."

Talk About the Bible Story

How had the Israelite army been reacting to Goliath's threats? (*They were terrified.*)

What did David offer to do when he heard Goliath taunting the Israelites? (*He offered to fight Goliath.*)

How do you know that God can do the impossible?

How does it help you face your fears to remember that God can do the impossible? How does that give you courage?

Have you ever tried to do something that felt impossible? (*If your child has recently learned a new skill that was difficult, or gone through a tough situation, talk with them about it now. Ask them what it felt like to face something that seemed impossible.*)

Parent: Share a personal story of a time God helped you face an impossible situation.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, we know that You can help us to be strong and courageous. Please help us to do what we should do, even when things seem impossible. We know that YOU are more powerful than our greatest fear, and You can help us stand strong. YOU are our rock, and we love You. Give us the help we need this week to be brave and strong for You in the things we say and do. In Jesus' name, amen."

DEVOTIONS

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Elementary



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Bible Story

Esther
Book of Esther

Bottom Line

You can do what you
should even when
you don't know what
will happen.

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how God can give us courage.



Activity

Impossible Ice

What You Need:

coins; bin or deep pot; water; ice;
timer

What You Do:

Place the coins at the bottom of the
bin. Pour water into the bin until it's
about half full. Then, add ice. Invite
your child to compete in a challenge.

Say, "I'm going to time you for 30
seconds. During that time, your
challenge is to brave the ice water
and pick up as many of the coins as
possible. Ready? Go!"

Press start on the timer. Cheer your
child on as they reach into the ice
water to grab the coins.

When time's up, count the coins that
your child picked up. Then say, "I
bet that water was so cold that it felt
impossible to get all the coins at once,
didn't it? That reminds me of our Bible
story today—when someone else
faced an impossible situation."

Talk About the Bible Story

In today's story, who faced an impossible situation?
(David)

What was David's impossible situation? (*He had to
fight a giant armed with nothing but a slingshot.*)

Why was David able to face Goliath and win? (*He
knew that God was with him—and God was!*)

Have you ever tried to do something that felt
impossible? (*If your child has recently learned a
new skill that was difficult, or gone through a tough
situation, talk with them about it now. Ask them what
it felt like to face something that seemed impossible.*)

How can we face impossible situations with courage?

*Parent: Share a personal story of a time God helped
you face an impossible situation.*



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about
the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for this truth that we're not alone as
we face our fears. When we have to face situations
that might seem impossible, remind us that You're
always with us. Please give us the courage we need to
face difficult challenges in our lives. Remind us that
nothing is impossible for You. We love You, and we pray
these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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VOLUNTEER

Several ministries are looking for help, including the Tech Team, AWANA, Kids Ministry, and KWAM.

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?



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