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ISRAEL TRIP INFO MEETING • SUNDAY JANUARY 29 | 12:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

A limited number of spaces are still available. This will be a meeting for registered travelers as we begin to plan for our trip, but if you are considering going to Israel and would like to attend and finalize your decision, you are welcome to join us at 12:30 pm. Hall.

BABY DEDICATIONS • SUNDAY JANUARY 29 | DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

Call the office 760-337-9400 if you would like to be added to the list.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST • BEGINS 2/5 IN EL CENTRO AND BRAWLEY • \$10 + BOOKS

The Freedom in Christ course is a powerful 10-week series designed to help you fully grasp your identity in Christ and enable you to walk in greater freedom and joy. It is available in El Centro and Brawley Sundays at 1:30 pm beginning February 5. Sign up on the App or scan the QR code>



MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

This Wednesday (January 25) is our Prophecy Update night with Pastor Chris, Next Wednesday (February 1st) classical pianist **Sam Rotman** will be in concert at 6:30 pm! Then on February 8 is the Prayer & Communion night of worship. AWANA is at 6:15 pm.

SUPERBOWL PARTY • SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12 | 3 PM • COURTYARD

A NIGHT TO ABIDE • WOMEN'S EVENT • 2/18 | 5 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY

DISCIPLESHIP MISSIONS TRIP FUNDRAISER • 2/19 | AFTER SERVICE

SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP TODAY!

SIGN UP TODAY to join a **LIFE GROUP!** On the CCC Mobile App - or scan the QR code for a link:



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

ONGOING

You will find the **SERMON & LIFEGROUP RESOURCES** **ON THE CCC MOBILE APP**

Getting to Know You:

1. Imagine discovering that you were not invited to an event because the host assumed you wouldn't come. Whether or not you would have declined, would you have appreciated the invite or been offended by the ask? How does this principle apply to a Gospel invitation?
2. What are the two most compelling reasons you accepted Christ's offer and are serving Him today? How can you implement those two ideas into your presentation of the Gospel?

Digging Deeper:

1. Analyze Matthew 28:16-20 specifically listing God's commands and Jesus' declarations of authority. Which of these directives do you do well, and with which ones do you most struggle? What encouragement can you draw from this passage to help fortify your areas of weakness?
2. Read Matthew 13:3-9 and 18-23. What insight do you gain from this parable about the sower, the seed, and the four soils? How will you utilize this insight when sharing the Gospel with someone this week?
3. Read Acts 4:5-13, 4:23-31 then discuss the response of the religious to the Gospel, the disciples' reaction to persecution, and finally, the response of the Spirit to the disciples. How do these details better equip you to respond to backlash from the Gospel? Reread verses 13 and 31. What tools, empowerment, and inspiration described in the disciples' encounter can you also leverage?

Taking it Home:

1. What is your biggest fear or challenge in sharing your faith? What practical steps will you take this week to stretch yourself and overcome any weakness or fear?
2. Where have you fallen short of your duty in fulfilling the great commission? How has this study encouraged you to press forward? What will you do when you encounter resistance to the Gospel?

THE GREAT COMMISSION

MATTHEW 28:18-20

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SCAN TO OPEN DIGITAL SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURES



WEEK OF
January 22, 2023

Think Tank: Put your knowledge to the test

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



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

First, watch
this week's
video!

Knowledge:
Learning
something new
so you can
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Memory Verse

"The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."

Proverbs 2:6, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus Is Tempted in the Desert
Luke 4:1-13
(Matthew 4:1-11)

Bottom Line

Remembering what's true can help you make the wise choice.

Activity

Who Said It?

What You Need:

Paper plate, marker

What You Do:

Write "devil" on one side of the paper plate and "Jesus" on the other side. Invite your child to play a game. Hand them the paper plate.

Say, "I'm going to read some quotes from our Bible story today. If you think the devil said it, show the side of the paper plate that says 'devil.' If you think Jesus said it, flip the paper plate to the side that says 'Jesus.'"

Read the following quotes and allow your child to respond. If they get the answer incorrect, don't tell them yet; just keep moving.

- "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." (*devil*)
- "It is written, 'Man must not live only on bread.'" (*Jesus*)
- "If you worship me, [all the authority of the kingdoms of the world] will be yours." (*devil*)
- "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you should serve.'" (*Jesus*)
- "Throw yourself down from here. It is written, 'The Lord will command his angels to take good care of you. They will lift you up in their hands. Then you won't trip over a stone.'" (*devil*)
- "Scripture says, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'" (*Jesus*)

If your child got all the answers correct, tell them! If they got one or more incorrect, read Luke 4:1-13 aloud and then play another round.

When you're finished, say, "The devil tried to trick Jesus. But because Jesus knew what was true, He made the wise choice."

Talk About the Bible Story

What does knowing Scripture have to do with making the wise choice? (*When we read and understand what's in the Bible, we can live with God's wisdom.*)

What is the difference between a wise and foolish choice?

What are some potential consequences of a wise choice? What are some potential consequences of an unwise or foolish choice?

Parent: Share one way that you make a point to remember what's true—i.e. memorizing a verse, writing a verse on a notecard and putting it on your desk, or thinking about how a verse can change how you speak, think, or act.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for giving us so many places to go to find out what's true. We can look at the stories in the Bible of others who followed You, we can talk to grown-ups who have a relationship with You, and we do activities like this to learn more about You. Help us remember what's true, especially when we face a tough choice and have to figure out what the wise choice is. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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Key Question

What helps you make the wise choice?

Activity

Blown Away

What You Need:

Sheet of paper, marker, scissors, straw

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game.

Ask, "What are some things that can distract you?" (Examples: friends, TV, video games, technology, etc.)

Then, share some of the things that distract you as well. Write down a few of your child's distractions. Cut out each individual distraction and place them in a pile.

Then, write down a few of your common distractions. Cut out each individual distraction and place them in a separate pile.

Put both piles at one end of a table. Say, "We're going to try to 'blow away' each other's distractions. Using this straw, let's see who can blow away the other's distractions the quickest."

Using the straws, race to see who can blow the other's pile away quickest. When you're finished, crown the winner! Say, "We really blew away some distractions today! In our story, when the devil tried to distract Jesus, He blew those distractions away with the truth!"

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Jesus battle the devil's distractions? (By quoting the truth from Scripture)

What happened when the devil realized that Jesus was focused on the Scriptures? (The devil gave up)

What does knowing Scripture have to do with making the wise choice? (When we read and understand what's in the Bible, we can live with God's wisdom.)

What is the difference between a wise and foolish choice?

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Prayer

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

"God, thank You for the Bible! We have so much to learn about You and about what's true. This week, help us to remember that You love us, and that You're with us always—now and forever. Show us what's true so we can make wise choices. Remind us to keep working on memorizing Scripture so we can live with knowledge and wisdom. In Jesus' name we pray. 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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