



The Test of Faith

He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Then he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Mark 4:29-30

1. As a group, take a few minutes to read Mark 4:35-41 together.
2. Why is it significant that the disciples spent all day learning about faith and the kingdom of God and then were tested in their own faith?
3. Has this ever been your experience? Have you ever found yourself being tested in the areas of your faith that you had spent so long just learning or being taught about?
4. What does experience in trials and testing teach us or shape in us that simply learning or being taught doesn't?
5. As a group, share stories about times that your faith was tested and you were tempted to fear (give in to anxiety, worry, etc.).
6. In those times of testing, did God reveal something about Himself that caused you to forget your fear and stand in awe of Him?
7. As you have grown through the storms of testing, how has what you have learned about God prepared you for the next storms you have faced?

Family Worship Guide

You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
(Deuteronomy 11:19)



Why we use this resource...

We believe that parents are the primary disciple-makers in the lives of their children. Part of our mission as a church is to teach people how to follow Jesus. We want to equip parents to disciple their children in following Jesus.

Where to use this resource...

1

IN THE CAR

Talk about these things as you are riding in the car going about your life. Be intentional.

2

AROUND THE TABLE

Try and work some intentional time in the word and prayer during dinner.

3

INTENTIONAL TIMING

Find ways to be intentional about talking with your family throughout the week about these biblical truths.



Discuss

Spend time this week talking about biblical truths.



Pray

Spend time this week praying about how you can live out the biblical truths.



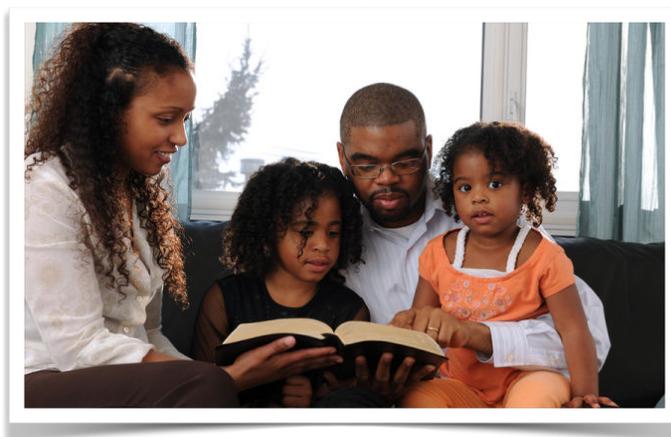
Live it Out

Spend time this week living out the biblical truths.

How to use this resource...

The following questions and Bible reading can be done in one sitting or spread out throughout the week. The point is to build upon the sermon you and your family heard on Sunday and reinforce the biblical truths in your hearts and home.

1. This week's focus for our family devotions is on how God tests our faith through "storms."
2. As a family, take some time this week to read Mark 4:35-41.
3. As a family (especially parents), talk about some very difficult things—tests and trials—that God has allowed you to go through in life.
4. When we go through difficult "storms" does that mean God has forgotten about us or is disciplining us?
5. The disciples in the boat were very scared of the storm even though Jesus was in the boat with them! They thought Jesus didn't care about them because he was asleep. Have there been times when you have allowed fear to cause you to forget that Jesus promises to never leave us?



6. How does God use difficult trials and tests to make us more like Him? Are there things in our life He needs to change that only putting us through a storm can change?
7. Thank God for His faithfulness through every storm in our life.

Memory Verse for the Week:

The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need. He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters. He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3

SINGING TOGETHER

This week, in corporate worship, we sang "10,000 Reasons." Throughout the week, continue singing it as a family. You can find the song here – <https://youtu.be/XtwlT8JjddM>

