



KIDS FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for May 1st - May 7th
LUKE-ACTS: 40 Days with the Risen King Pt. 2 – “Shalom in the Home”

Family Activity: Prayer Wall

For this weeks activity, we'll be making a pray wall. Grab some paper and, along with your family create a pray list for each family member. Following the Lords Prayer as a guide, you can include:

- 1). Praise to God 2). Pray for God's Kingdom to come in to your neighborhood 3). Pray for personal needs 4). Pray for forgiveness 5). Pray for protection 6). More praise (ex. "God, you have all the power")

Hang this in your kids bedroom. Every time they pray for these things, have them make a little check mark at the bottom. This isn't for competition but it is fun to see how the whole family grows in prayer together.

FOCUS: Luke 24:36-49

Jesus Appears To The Disciples

"Then the two told what had happened on the way (to Emmaus) and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread. While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!"

BIG IDEA 1 – After the death of Jesus, Jesus' disciples went into a massive shock. They didn't know what to do without Jesus leading them and they had no idea Jesus was actually alive. The eleven remaining disciples went into hiding because they were scared the pharisees would try to kill them next. One day, while they were all hiding in a home with the doors locked, Jesus suddenly showed up! His first words were "shalom" which is Hebrew for "peace." In the disciples hardest time, Jesus was still there to offer them peace.

Q1- In what areas of your life could you use more peace? How would you react if you were a disciple in this situation? Why do you think the first thing Jesus said to the disciples was "peace be to YOU?"

FOCUS: Matthew 6:6-8

Jesus Shows Us Where To Pray

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

BIG IDEA 2 – Have you ever been scared or confused like the disciples were? Good news! God has given all of us an incredible gift to fight that! This gift isn't something you can hold or something you can see. You can't buy it and you can't sell it. However, it is completely accessible to all of us— It's called **prayer**! The ability to talk to the living, powerful, one true God is the greatest gift God could ever give us. But he doesn't just listen to us, he talks back to us as well, if we listen. He also deeply cares about everything we have to say. Prayer is simple but also super powerful! God will move on our behalf, dispatch his angels to help us, or even give us peace in the midst of a scary situation. Try praying in your room this week and Jesus will be right there with you just like he was for the disciples.

Q2- Where does Jesus teach us to pray and is that the only place we should pray? Why do you think Jesus says to be alone when we pray? Do our prayers need to be super long or loud in order to be effective? Why, or why not?

FOCUS: Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus Shows Us How To Pray

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, holy is your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

BIG IDEA 3 – Jesus taught us prayer starts by knowing that God is "our Father" and that he is in Heaven where he rules and reigns with all power. By calling God our "father" it shows us that he cares for us and wants the best for us (which sometimes means saying "no" to the things we ask for) as any good father would. Prayer isn't about having long prayers, but rather, talking to God honestly and openly about how you're feeling, personal needs you may have, or praying for others.

Q3- How do you usually pray? Explain. How would viewing God as a "father" change the way you pray to him? What do you need to pray for this week? Just like Jesus appeared to the disciples, where do you need Jesus to show up in your life?



