

ELEMENTARY

FAMILY GUIDE

THE BREAKDOWN

The new year starts with the story of when the wise men went on a journey to see Jesus. We can see how the wise men were searching for what is true, and apply that to our lives!

MAKE IT STICK

We believe in making scripture stick

Items Needed:

Paper, Marker and Scissors

- Write down the verse on the piece of paper.
- Cut up the paper so each piece has one word of the verse in it
- Scramble up the words and then put it back together.

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

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

BIBLE LESSON

The Wise Men
Visit Jesus
Matthew 2:1-12

BOTTOM LINE

Never stop
searching for
what's true.

TALK IT OUT

continue the conversation as a family

Even in the difficult times, God is always there to help us.

Gather the family around and talk about ways you can make wise choices, and how you can search for what is true.

PRAY IT OUT

Pray as a family, use the prayer below

Dear God,

Thank You that You give me wisdom. Help me to always make the right choices.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen

SPEAK IT OUT

Repeat these as a family every day!

1. God gives me wisdom.
2. God gives helps me make the right choices.

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WEEK 1

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MAKE IT STICK

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Items Needed: Small Ball, 3 people

- Pass the ball around "hot potato" style, and have each person say one word of the verse
- Pass the ball in random order to see who knows the entire verse

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

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

TALK IT OUT

continue the conversation as a family

How can we get to know God better? How can we grow our relationship with God?

SPEAK IT OUT

Repeat these as a family every day!

1. Knowing God is the most important thing.
2. Knowing God helps me with everything.

THE BREAKDOWN

We continue the story of Jesus's life. This week will be about Jesus when He was just a boy. He was found at the temple talking about God.

BIBLE LESSON

Boy Jesus at the Temple
Luke 2:41-52

BOTTOM LINE

Knowing God is the most important thing.

PRAY IT OUT

Pray as a family, use the prayer below

Dear God,

Knowing You is the most important thing. Please help me to always remember that.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen

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WEEK 2

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Items Needed: A creative mind

- Think of a song to sing with the memory verse to help memorize it.
- Sing it with your family!

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

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

TALK IT OUT

continue the conversation as a family

Gather the family around and talk about a time when you began to discover who God really is. How did you come to know God? How did this affect your life?

SPEAK IT OUT

Repeat these as a family every day!

1. God wants a relationship with me.
2. I will grow closer to God every day.

THE BREAKDOWN

In week three, we explore the story of when Jesus got baptized. This story is so significant because it shows us a great example of who Jesus is, and how God feels about Jesus.

BIBLE LESSON

Jesus' Baptism
John 1:19-42, John 3:22-36
(supporting: Matthew 3)

BOTTOM LINE

When you discover something new, it can change you.

PRAY IT OUT

Pray as a family, use the prayer below

Dear God,

Help me to discover you in a new way every day so that my relationship with You grows.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen

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WEEK 3

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Items Needed: A partner, a timer, pencil, and paper

- Have each partner write down the memory verse 5 times on a piece of paper.
- Time each partner to see how fast they can do it.
- Each person goes separately.

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

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

TALK IT OUT

continue the conversation as a family

What is true about Jesus? How can remembering this helps us make wise decisions? Gather the family around and talk it out.

SPEAK IT OUT

Repeat these as a family every day!

1. God helps me make wise decisions.
2. When I remember what is true, I make better decisions

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In week four, we see Jesus in the desert, and He is being tempted. This story shows us how we can act when we are tempted to do things God doesn't want us to do!

BIBLE LESSON

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

BOTTOM LINE

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

PRAY IT OUT

Pray as a family, use the prayer below

Dear God,

Help me to remember what is true so I can make wise choices. Thank you for helping me!

In Jesus' Name,
Amen



WEEK 4

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Items Needed: Index Cards, Large Bowl, Timer, and a Marker

- Write one word of the memory verse on a separate index card.
- Fold each card, place them in the bowl and mix them up.
- Empty the bowl on a table
- See how long it takes to put the cards in order.

Proverbs 2:6, NIRV

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

TALK IT OUT

continue the conversation as a family

What do you do when you don't understand something? Gather the family around and talk it out.

SPEAK IT OUT

Repeat these as a family every day!

1. When I don't understand something, I will ask God or someone around me for help!
2. God always helps me.

THE BREAKDOWN

In our final week of January, John the Baptist is in prison and is confused about why things are happening the way they were. He gives us a great example of what we should do when we don't understand something.

BIBLE LESSON

John the Baptist in prison
Matthew 11:1-6
(supporting: James 1:5)

BOTTOM LINE

If you don't understand something, ask.

PRAY IT OUT

Pray as a family, use the prayer below

Dear God,

Thank You for the ability to ask for help when I don't understand something.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen



WEEK 5