

I CAN LEARN FROM GOD

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

WEEK 5

I SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM BAD THINGS - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

READ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 This week in VicKids your child learns that we should stay away from bad or evil things. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Go outside and play a game of tag with your family. When you are done playing, talk to your child about temptation. The Bible says we are to stay away from evil. That means we need to be careful about the things we see, hear, think, and do. One way to stay away from evil is to run away from it, kind of like you ran away from the person who was "it" in the game of tag. God wants to help us stay away from evil. We can do that by reading His Word and asking for His help.

Pray with your child, asking God for help in staying away from evil. That we should always choose the good and not be tempted by bad things.

WAITING IN FAITHFULNESS

ELEMENTARY

LIVING WITH INTEGRITY - 2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-18

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READ 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 This week your student learns that integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is looking. Paul was a man of integrity, and we can learn from his example of how to live for God. Our actions are a reflection of our relationship with Jesus. Choose the right thing, one choice at a time, to develop integrity in your life. Many Thessalonian believers had hung up their work hats, taking it easy, living off the generosity of others, and minding everyone's business but their own. Their idleness divided the church and wrecked its testimony. Paul set about to restore order, but first he needed the church to pray for his ministry.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Paul encouraged the Thessalonians to be productive members of their community, instead of being lazy and living off of others' hard work. As Christians, we are to live with integrity, which is doing what is good and right all the time, even when nobody is watching. Plan a family service project. It can be doing yard work for a neighbor, helping clean up part of your church, or visiting a nursing home. During or after the service project, talk with your children about how it is not only important for them to go to church and school, but for them to contribute and actively serve those communities as well.

TRY THIS TOGETHER

Paul encouraged the Thessalonians to have integrity in three areas: prayer, obedience, and daily responsibilities. Divide family members into pairs or small groups. Give each one two household items (pencil, toy, shoe, cell phone, hairbrush, cookie, etc.). Have the groups choose one of the three areas and make up a story or skit using two of the items of how someone was tempted, but chose to have integrity.

Pray with your child and ask God to show them one area they need to work on when it comes to a specific responsibility they need to improve in. Ask God to give them strength to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit and help them grow in their integrity!