



## Talk Time

As a parent, there is nothing more rewarding than spending time with your child. Beginning when they are infants, making time to talk with your child creates a bond that can last a lifetime. There is something soothing about the deep voice of a father that lets his kid know of the safety his presence brings. Or the soft and tender whisper of a mother as she reassures her crying baby that “Momma” is here and everything will be alright.



It's pretty clear that God knew what He was doing when He spoke to Moses in Deuteronomy 6. Yes, God wanted to make sure that the children of Israel did not forget about what He did for them as He freed them from the bondage of Egypt and all the miracles that followed. But in speaking this commandment, God was also releasing a very important parenting principle into the lives of His people. Not only are we to tell our kids about the wonders of God, but we are to talk about them when we are at home, when we put them down to sleep and when we are getting them up for the day!

What we see here is God's plan for making time to talk with our kids. God is directing us to one of the most important parenting principles we can ever hope to cultivate—being present and connecting with the hearts of our children. When this happens, a whole new world of understanding takes place. Our kids will see that we are interested and will want to let us know what is going on in their world. We need to be ready.

Here are a few tips to get you in a position for listening and having a great conversation with your child!

- **Ask open ended questions.** Asking a question that starts with “What”, “How” or “Why” leads to a thoughtful answer and one that can generate meaningful dialogue.
- **Talking with your child doesn't always mean face to face.** In fact, many of your conversations will be in the car, walking, doing a craft or just playing side by side. You will be in a parallel position “doing” something together. This is often when they feel comfortable and can open up.
- **Know when your child likes to talk.** Conversational styles are different for adults and kids alike. Know when your child likes to talk and what they like to talk about. Be ready to connect. Giving them the space to say what they need is so important and key to really *hearing* what they are telling you.
- **Be real.** When your child is talking with you, genuine responses letting them know you are hearing what they are saying will keep them engaged. Encourage them by reflecting back what you think you heard, then ask them questions based on your understanding.

# 10 QUALITIES THAT MOVE YOU FROM A BELIEVER TO A DISCIPLE.

## NURSERY / PRESCHOOL

### WEEK 1

## FRIENDS OF FAITH - ACTS 2:42

**READ Acts 2:42** This week in VicKids your child is learning about what it means to be a true friend in faith. Your child will hear the story of how the disciples ate together, read the scriptures, prayed and talked about the stories they heard. Doing all these things together made them strong!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** As a family, do the following activity together. You will need one package of spaghetti, and toy blocks. Take the noodles and lay them on top of two rows of blocks. Then slowly start to remove the noodles and see how many noodles it takes to hold up more blocks. With one spaghetti noodle, it is weak but with lots of noodles, they are strong! Talk to your children about having strong friendships with other friends that know Jesus.

**PRAY to God so He can help us to love each other, care for each other, support each other, and be kind to one another.**

### WEEK 2

## BEING JUST AND GENEROUS - MATTHEW 25:14-30

**READ Matthew 25:14-30** This week in VicKids your child is learning about the parable of the three servants. These three servants all had different gifts from God they needed to use. We should always use our God given gifts in life.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Have quiet time this week at home sitting down together. Talk about the different gifts/talents that God has given each of you. How can you use these gifts alone or together? Find ways to use your gifts together, and then challenge each other to use your special skills this week!

**PRAY to God that He shows you all your special gifts and that you use them to glorify Him forever!**

### WEEK 3

## GOD HAS BIG PLANS FOR ME - MATTHEW 13:1-23

**READ Matthew 13:1-23** This week in VicKids your child is learning about God's plan for them! We talked about the parable of the sower and the seed. In order to grow we have to be planted in good soil just like being rooted in the Bible and doing good works.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Take time this week to pick up some seeds to plant as a family. Spend time in each step showing your child the importance of placing the seed in good soil, covering it carefully, watering it, and making sure it has sunlight. Talk about how important it is to take care of these seeds, and to take care of our purpose from God.

**PRAY to God to keep us rooted in good soil. Help us to do what is pleasing to Him and surround ourselves with His love.**

### WEEK 4

## JESUS GIVES - MATTHEW 26:36-50

**READ Matthew 26:36-50** This week in VicKids your child is learning about how Jesus gave up His life for us by dying on the cross.

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** If your child does not yet know the song, "Jesus Loves Me," find it online and think of some hand motions you can teach them while singing it together. If your child knows the song well, do the hand motions to the song while you sing – "Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong"!

**PRAY with your family thanking Jesus for giving His life for us on the cross and giving us a new life by knowing Him!**

### WEEK 5

## JESUS LIVES - MATTHEW 28:1-10

**READ Matthew 28:1-10** This week in VicKids your child is learning about how Jesus is risen from the dead, Jesus is alive!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Fill one plastic egg with candy and leave the other one empty. Let your child open the two eggs and discuss what is different about them. One egg is full; the other is empty. After Jesus died, His friends put Him in a tomb. The tomb was full. When Jesus rose from the dead, He left the tomb, and the tomb was empty. The good news is that Jesus is alive!

**PRAY saying "Jesus, Thank You for dying on the cross. Thank You for being alive. Help us tell others about how much You love them!"**

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## ELEMENTARY

### FRIENDS OF FAITH - ACTS 2:42-46

WEEK 1

**READ Acts 2:42-46** Today your student learns about the importance of community and why surrounding themselves with good friends is important. Jesus surrounded Himself with people that He trusted, but He also surrounded Himself with people that He loved. It's important to be authentic and accountable with the people we allow into our lives!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** Challenge your student to think about who and what influences them on a daily basis. How can they influence and impact the group of friends they have? How can they show the character of Jesus through actions with their friends?

**PRAY** that your student makes wise choices and that they use discernment in the friends they surround themselves with!

### BEING JUST AND GENEROUS - MATTHEW 20:1-16

WEEK 2

**READ Matthew 20:1-16** Today your student gets a better understanding of what it means to be fair, and what it means to truly give back to other people. God is very generous with His grace! Every day He gives us this grace - His unmerited favor. God's grace helps change the way we interact with others. It changes our attitude and it changes how our words or actions can influence other people!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** As a family, come up with some ways that you can do something special for someone in need. Make a list of ways that you can show love and generosity to someone this week!

**PRAY** that your student would not only be kind to people around them, but also pray that they are generous with what God has blessed them with!

### GOD HAS BIG PLANS FOR ME - MATTHEW 13:1-23

WEEK 3

**READ Matthew 13:1-23** Today your student learns about being intentional in their actions. They learn about how God has such an amazing plan for their lives! God created each of us with a specific purpose to further His kingdom. They learn that they have to seek after God every day and how every choice they make matters!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** If space allows, purchase a few small plants for your home. Make it a family project to nurture and take care of these plants! Much like the plants, we also require nurturing and love. Encourage each family member to help out and watch as the plant grows when your family cares for it!

**PRAY** that your student trusts God with their hearts! Pray that they realize that God made them and that He has BIG plans for them!

### JESUS GIVES - JOHN 19:1-42

WEEK 4

**READ John 19:1-42** Today your student learns about how Jesus gave His life to save us from our sins! Jesus had a nature of giving. He came to the earth to serve others and He also came to the earth to give of Himself! Jesus made an amazing sacrifice, but He was also the perfect sacrifice!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** As a family, take some time to dig deeper! Set some time aside and ask these two questions: **1)** Do I show gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice on a regular basis? How? **2)** What can I do in my life to show Jesus how much I love Him? List some ways!

**PRAY** that your student would know the love of Jesus and that they would understand the sacrifice that was made for their lives!

### JESUS LIVES - JOHN 20:1-31

WEEK 5

**READ John 20:1-31** Today your student learns about how Jesus came back to life after dying on the cross! Jesus sacrificed Himself. He represents life and renewal! It's important to remember that while He died on the cross, Jesus never stopped living in the hearts of those that followed Him. Jesus came back to life and His disciples continued to spread the word! Jesus lives and continues to live in our hearts and lives today!

**EXPLORE TOGETHER** As a family, take some time during dinner to do this activity. What are four things that you know about Jesus? Go around the table and let each person answer! Who are two people that you can tell that Jesus is alive? Challenge each family member to really show the love of Jesus to other people this week!

**PRAY** that your student would be bold in their love for Jesus! Pray that they show the love of Jesus through their words and actions!

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Salvation/Water Baptism Workshop

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Preparing for Teen Years Workshop

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3/11, 3/25  
VicKids Volunteer Orientations  
9:15am VicKids Suite

3/25 - Victory at Home - 1:00pm  
Salvation/Water Baptism Workshop

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## PARENT PRINCIPLE

*Nothing can bring a real sense of security into the home except true love.*

- Billy Graham

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Camp Highland, Ellijay GA

Ages: 5 - 17

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## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - **Acts 1:8 NLT**

## Additional Resources

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