



SMALL TALK

MEMORY VERSE
"Learn to do what is right."
Isaiah 1:17, NIV

BASIC TRUTH
God Loves Me

KEY QUESTION
What does God want you to do?

BOTTOM LINE
God wants me to do the right thing.

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WEEK 1 | GENESIS 37:12-28; 41:36-56
Despite being mistreated by his brothers and thrown in jail, Joseph chooses to trust God and do the right thing. God uses Joseph to save many people, including his family, from a severe famine.

WEEK 3 | DANIEL 1:1-16
Daniel and his three friends obey God and eat what He tells them to eat rather than eating the king's food. God blesses them with strength and good health.

WEEK 2 | GENESIS 42:1-6; 45:1-46:7
Joseph's brothers come to Egypt looking for food. Joseph forgives them and he is reunited with his family.

WEEK 4 | DANIEL 6:1-28
Daniel does the right thing and prays to God instead of praying to the king. God protects Daniel when he is punished and thrown into the lions' den.





PLAY TIME: A fun way to learn to do what is right is by cooking together. A simple cookie or muffin recipe will do. Make sure to teach your child how to wash his hands, follow each step of the recipe, and clean up when he's

done. Share with your child that you want him to learn to do what is right and follow what God says, just like following a recipe will teach him the right thing to do.



CAR TIME: Talk aloud, as you drive, about the right things you are doing. "I'm stopping at the stop sign because it's the right thing. I'm driving very carefully because it's the right thing.

I'm wearing my seatbelt because it's the right thing." Continue to point out the right things you are doing throughout the day. Maybe your little one will begin to do the same!



BATH TIME: Want a fun song to sing while you give your little one a bath? How about this one? Sing the memory verse for this month, Isaiah 1:17, to the tune of The Farmer in the Dell.

"Learn to do what's right. Learn to do what's right. Isaiah 1:17. Learn to do what's right." Sing this song often throughout the month. You and your little one will have this verse memorized in no time!



PARENT TIME:

This month, we are teaching our preschoolers to "Learn to do what is right," (Isaiah 1:17, NIV). As parents, don't you want your children to do what's right? Of course you do. However, as you may have already discovered, you can't do it

alone. With tiny ones, it is hard to imagine a day that they are not constantly with us; a day when we are not the only ones pouring into their emotional and spiritual development; a day when that little voice is not calling our name (constantly). But that day is coming, and sooner than we think.

Someday soon, our little treasures are going to look elsewhere for wisdom, for advice, for acceptance, for love. They are going to seek other adults to speak into their lives. Who do you want these adults to be? Believe it or not, you have influence on who will fill this need. Surround your child with loving adults who genuinely care for your child, who want to see their relationship with Christ grow. Extended family members like aunts, uncles and grandparents are obvious choices. However, don't forget those leaders the church may provide: small group leaders, friends from your small group. These relationships can have an amazing impact on your child's spiritual growth.

To hear Carey Nieuwhof talk more about finding additional adults to influence your child, listen to this month's Parent Link Live available on www.OrangeParents.org.



CUDDLE TIME: Cuddle up with your child and pray with him. "Dear God, thank you for teaching us what is right. Help us to do the right thing like obey with a happy heart, love each other, forgive each other and share what we have. We love You, God. Amen."

