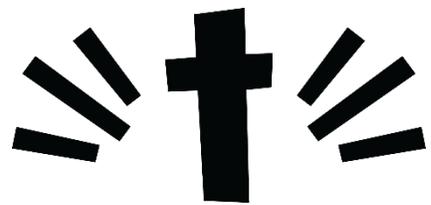


BRING IT HOME



The conversation starter you need to continue at home what began at Immanuel. Our desire is to see families use this resource as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.



Cami desperately wants to impress her friends and goes to great lengths to make herself appear to be more than she is.

January

Big Picture Question: What is the church?

The church is all Christians, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.

KEY PASSAGE: Romans 12:5 (ESV)

so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

WEEKLY FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS & ACTIVITIES:

January 3

Living Like Jesus

2 Peter 1

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Where do we get the power to live like Jesus?

(See 2 Peter 1:3.)

What can your family do together to share the love of Jesus with others?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Play a mimicking game with your family. Select a kid to be it and encourage the rest of your family to copy her movements, statements, and expressions as closely as possible. Discuss why it is important to live like Jesus.

January 10

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4-5

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why does God want us to give generously?

How was Jesus generous towards sinners?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

• Organize a yard sale to sell unused or unneeded items your family has collected. Plan to give the proceeds to your church or a charity. Discuss with your kids that Ananias and Sapphira sinned by lying about their gift, not by keeping some of the money for themselves.

January 17

Stephen's Sermon

Acts 6-7

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How might we suffer because of our belief in Jesus?

How can we love people who don't believe the Gospel?

Do you ever feel afraid or embarrassed to talk about Jesus? Why or why not?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Research areas of the world where Christians face severe persecution. Lead your family in praying for the persecuted church to be bold.

January 24

The Good News

Romans 5-6

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What does the gospel change about our lives?

How does the gospel prove God's love for us?

If we are saved, is it OK to keep sinning? Why? (See Romans 6:1-2.)

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Purchase a copy of a local newspaper. Help your kids scan it to find as many happy or positive news stories as they can. Discuss why the gospel is the best news.

January 31

Doers of the Word

James 1-2

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What does it show to others if we say we love God but do not obey His Word?

Can good works save you? Why or why not?

How does the gospel prove God's love for us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Play an obedience game, like "Mother May I?" or "Simon Says," with your family. Discuss why we obey God. Explain that He loves us and knows what is best for us.