

KINDER





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BELONGS TO:**



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Hello Rush Creek Parents,

We are excited to present you and your children with our Rush Creek Kid's Ministry Adventure Guide! As FORERUNNERS of the faith, we are committed to removing obstacles that may prevent people from Finding Jesus and helping them become F.I.T. Followers. As parents, we recognize how important it is that the pursuit of this Forerunner vision begins in our homes, with our children. In Deuteronomy 6:5-7, God reminds us that we are to "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words (The Bible) that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

I'm so proud of our Children's Ministry team and the work they have put into helping this Forerunner vision come alive in each of our homes. This Adventure Guide was created to help you as parents, raise up F.I.T. Followers who will eventually become Forerunners of the faith. Parents, I want to encourage you to walk alongside your children as they work through this resource and begin to teach what it means for them to be Forerunners of the faith United to help people Find and Follow Jesus.

Serving together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Marty

F.I.T. Followers

Fill their lives with the Word of God.
Invest their lives in the Kingdom of God.
Team up with others doing the same.

ADVENTURE ESSENTIALS

Throughout the guide, there are three sections.



Hey Parents: This section contains background info for the topic.



Explore: This section contains information specific to the topic and challenge.



Challenge: This section is an activity for you to complete with your preschooler.



There is a map located on page 4 & 5 of this guide. It will be your Table of Contents to locate which activity you want to complete. You can go in any order through this book.



Unless otherwise specified, each verse referenced is from the Christian Standard Bible translation.



Our goal for this guide is for you and your preschooler to have frequent faith talks. We encourage you to read each section on your own, explain the topic to your preschooler, and complete the challenge together.

Parents: Initial your child's progress as activities are completed.





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Color the Vision Statement.

We are **FORERUNNERS**
of the **FAITH**
UNITED



to help people
FIND and **FOLLOW** Jesus

Memorize Scripture

LUKE 3:4-6

Forerunners memorize God's Word.



Hey Parents: Memorizing God's Word is a way to teach children how God calls us to live as Christians. Following God means to be obedient to His teachings and to follow His lead for your life. At Rush Creek Church, we have a vision that we want to see every Rush Creek Partner live out: We are Forerunners of the Faith united to help people find and follow Jesus. One of the ways we do that is through scripture memory.



Explore: Read Luke 3:4-6. We are to be Forerunners of the Faith. How do we do that? We can help prepare the way by trusting in Jesus and following Him with our lives. God wants us to help those around us find Jesus as we follow Him.



Challenge: Kids, fill in the blanks to complete the verse below. Talk about ways you can get to know Jesus better!

As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet

_____ : A voice of one crying out in the

_____ : Prepare the way for the _____

; make his _____ straight! Every _____

will be filled, and every _____ and _____ will

be made low; the crooked will become _____,

the rough ways _____, and everyone will see the

salvation of _____.

smooth wilderness mountain hill Lord
Isaiah valley paths God straight



Evangelism

SIN

Forerunners want to be more like Jesus.



Hey Parents: When helping your child understand what sin is, we say that sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God. God gave us rules to follow so that we could stay in a right relationship with Him. When we choose to live by our own rules instead of God's rules, we are living in sin. Sin separates us from God and is the reason why each one of us needs Jesus to be the leader of our life.



Explore: Why does sin exist in the world today? Sin exists because of a choice Adam and Eve made in the first book of the Bible, Genesis. In Genesis 2:16, God instructed Adam, "You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." In Genesis 3, we see that instead of following God's rule, Eve chose to eat the fruit and Adam did too. Sin entered the world at that moment and now all people are born sinners. Anytime we choose what we want instead of respecting God's rules, we sin.



Challenge: Circle the fruits that are good choices. Draw an X through the fruits that are sinful choices.



Prayer

PRAYER DRAWING

Forerunners pray to God.



Hey Parents: Most kids love to draw! Drawing your prayers is similar to prayer journaling for adults. When we help kids discover new ways to pray, we offer them more opportunities to connect with God. What an invaluable and timeless gift it is to teach our children how to pray!



Explore: Read Habakkuk 2:2. Writing or drawing your prayers is a great way show God what you are thankful for and to keep track of all the good things God has done in your life. It is also a great way to look back and remember what you prayed for in the past and see how God answered your prayers. The Bible even gives an example of this when God tells Habakkuk to write down his prayers!



Challenge: Draw a picture of things you can pray for in the box below. As you are drawing, pray for those people or things. For example, you can draw people and things you are thankful for or draw friends and family members that might be hurt or sick.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the child to draw their prayers.

Giving

SERVING THE CHURCH

Forerunners give back to God.



Hey Parents: As a kindergarten student, your child can begin to learn how to serve the Lord by starting to serve the church. They will learn how to serve best by hearing how you serve the Lord and serving alongside you at church and in your community. Five- and six-year-olds are always looking for ways to be great helpers! We encourage you to use their eagerness to help as an avenue to teach them how to start serving at a young age.



Explore: Open your Bible to the New Testament and look for Matthew 5:16. If you need help, ask an adult to help you find and read the Bible verse. Read the verse aloud. God wants us to serve Him by serving our church and the people in our community. When we help other people by meeting a need they have, it shows them that we love them. Most importantly it gives us an opportunity to tell them that God loves them too!



Challenge: Talk to an adult in your home and ask, “How do you serve God by serving the church?” Brainstorm one idea that you can do now to serve the church and write it in the top box. Think of a way you’d like to serve the church when you become an adult and write it in the bottom box. Use the cartoon figures to draw and color yourself as you look now and what you think you’ll look like as an adult.

Write how you served the church and the date you completed this challenge!

I served God and the church: _____

_____ Date: _____



Worship

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Forerunners worship God.



Hey Parents: At Rush Creek Church, we want your kids to love to worship God and to learn different ways that they can! Ways to worship are singing songs to Him, learning about Him, spending time with Him, and so much more. When we worship God, we get closer to Him and see all the great things He does in our lives.



Explore: When we worship, we are praising God and bringing honor to Him for who He is. Read Psalm 71:8. As Forerunners of the Faith, let's learn ways to worship God and show others how amazing He is!



Challenge: Singing and dancing are so much fun. One way God loves to see us worship is when we sing to Him. Have your parents scan the QR Code to play a song and sing along with it.



It is a great song about God and what He can do in our life.



Missions

GLOBAL MISSIONS: FRANCE

Forerunners are on mission for God.



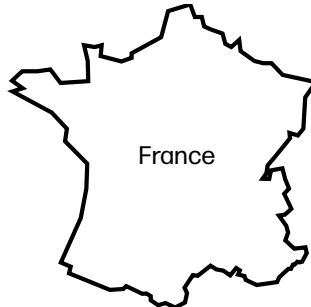
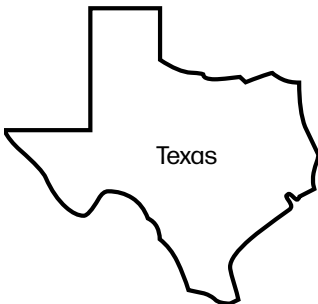
Hey Parents: God calls us to share Jesus with the world. Rush Creek has partners all around the world and part of the money given to the church goes to support our mission partners. We believe that being a Forerunner of the Faith united to help people find and follow Jesus means helping people all over the world find Jesus. One our mission partners lives in France.



Explore: The Sullivan family are missionaries in France. They are from Texas, but moved to a new country in 2011. Their family has 4 children: two boys and two girls. They are all learning to speak the language called French. This means they can speak two languages: French and English. There are a lot of people in their city from North Africa who speak French. Most of them have never heard about Jesus so they spend their days telling people about Him and how much He loves everyone.



Challenge: Color both the state of Texas and the Country of France. After coloring, pray for the Sullivan family. Pray that they would be bold in sharing the love of Jesus with the people around them!



Bible

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: OLD TESTAMENT

Forerunners read the Bible.



Hey Parents: The Bible is one complete truth, divided up into different sections. Organized into books, chapters, and verses to help us understand it better. It starts by being broken up into 2 bigger sections: The Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is divided into 4 sections: Law, History, Poetry, and Prophets.



Explore: Read Psalm 19:7. The Law is the first 5 books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Genesis means “beginning” and it certainly is the beginning of so many things. These books are referred to as the books of Law because they are generally attributed to Moses and the Law of Moses. These books also contain history, speeches, and even songs. It is in these first five books we learn about creation, the flood, the exodus from Egypt, and the 40-year wilderness wandering.



Challenge: Create a bookmark for your Bible with the first 5 sections of the Old Testament written out in order, going vertically. Grab an Index card (3x5). You can keep it full size or cut in half (hot dog style). Once you have written the books out in order, use your colors, stickers, or anything else you have on hand to decorate your bookmark. Practice saying the names in order while decorating.



Memorize Scripture

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Forerunners memorize God's Word.



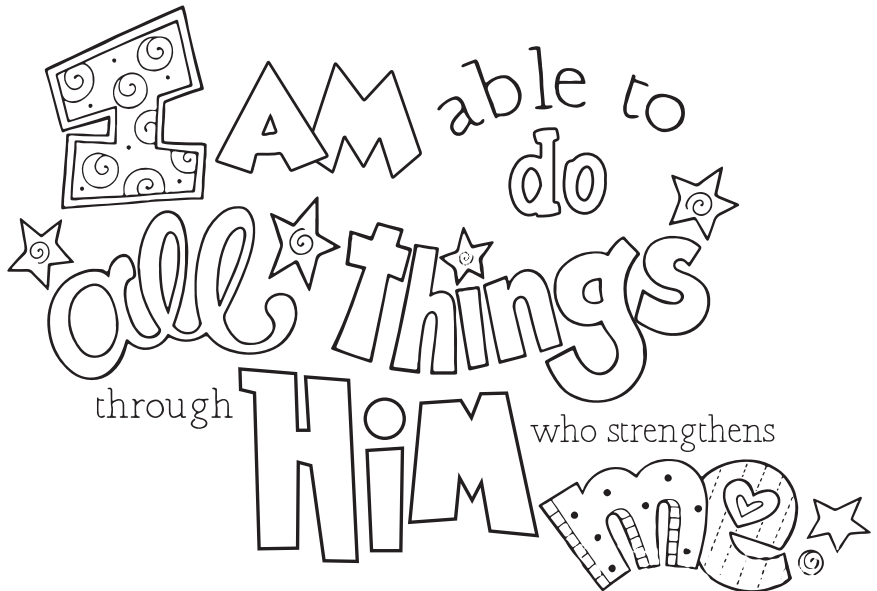
Hey Parents: Memorizing God's Word is one way to help us when times get hard! Following Jesus is not always easy, but God promises that He will never leave us. There are over 7,000 promises in the Bible from God to mankind. And He has never failed to fulfill them. If we trust Him, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to get through any trial. Not by our strength or power, but His!



Explore: Read Philippians 4:13. God can help us do hard things. God promises that He will never leave us and that He is always there to help us. We can pray to Him at any time for His help and guidance.



Challenge: Color the Bible verse below. Practice the verse throughout the week and tell someone the verse once you have it memorized! Remember, God promises that He will always be with us! Pray and thank Him that He never leaves.



Philippians 4:13



Evangelism

THE GOSPEL

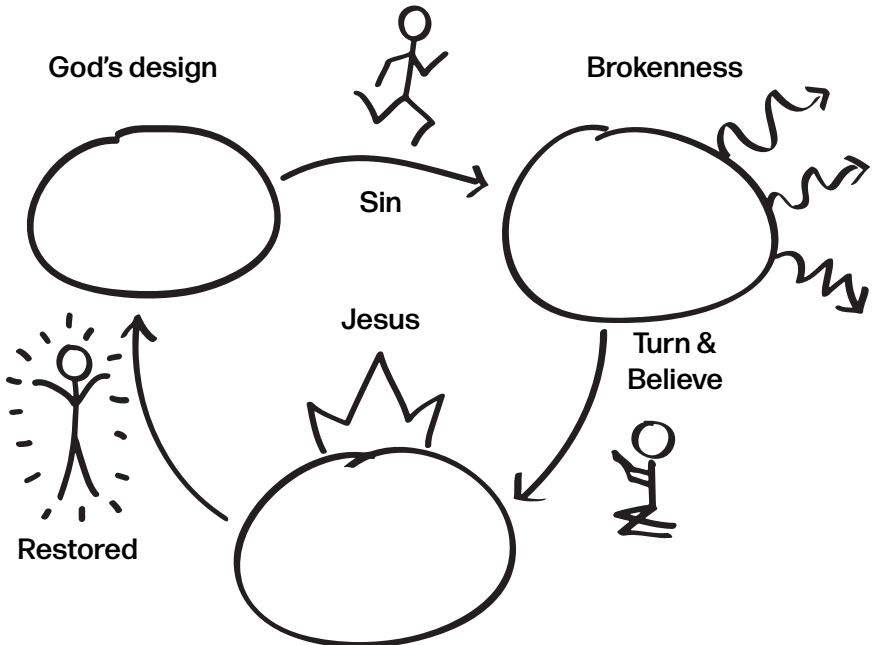
Forerunners talk about Jesus.



Hey Parents: The gospel is God's good news! God created and designed a perfect world for His people. That world became broken when His people disobeyed. Everyone sins and our sin has broken our relationship with God. There is nothing we can do on our own to fix the brokenness in our lives, but God had a plan. His great love for us was shown when He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue and restore us back to God's perfect design.



Explore: Scan the QR Code to watch a video explaining the Gospel with 3 circles. After you have completed the video, draw the symbol that goes in each circle.





Challenge: Fill in the blanks to reveal a truth about Jesus. Look up John 14:6 in your Bible if you need help.

Jesus said, "I am the _____, the _____,
and the _____."

No one comes to the _____ except through
_____."

me way life truth Father



Bible

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: NEW TESTAMENT

Forerunners read the Bible.



Hey Parents: The Bible was written by 40 different people over the course of 1500 years. Humans wrote the Bible, but the Holy Spirit inspired their words. The Bible is one complete truth, divided up into different sections. There are two main divisions in the Bible: the Old Testament (before Jesus came to earth) and the New Testament (after Jesus came to earth). The New Testament is divided even further into 4 sections: Gospels, History, Letters, and Prophecy.



Explore: Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Let's look at the first division called the Gospels. The word "gospel" means good news. Throughout the Old Testament, God is promising that the Messiah will come to save His people. In the New Testament, Jesus finally comes, and it is very good news! That is why the first 4 books of the New Testament are called the Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all tell about Jesus' life here on earth. Each one gives us a different look into how Jesus lived. All four books share the good news that Jesus lived, died, was buried, and rose again on the 3rd day, so that we could have our sins forgiven by believing in Him.



Challenge: Write down the 4 Gospels listed above on 4 different popsicle sticks. Practice saying and placing the sticks in order according to the Bible. Flip them over, mix them up, and practice repeatedly until you have them memorized.



Prayer

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

Forerunners pray to God.



Hey Parents: Prayer is powerful and praying makes a difference. God's power is seen when His people join together in prayer for one another. God hears our prayers, and He has the power to work mightily in any given situation. It is important that we teach our kids how to pray for others.



Explore: 1 Timothy 2:1 tells us to pray for all people. It also says that we need to ask God to help them, to meet their needs and give thanks for them. Did you know that visual reminders can help us remember to pray for our loved ones? When we see a photo of our friends and family members, it can remind us to say a prayer for them.



Challenge: Choose a photo of someone you want to pray for regularly. Maybe a friend, family members, or someone who is sick. Print out 2 photos of them. Glue one photo in the box below and put one photo next to your bed to remind you to pray for them over the next week. Let's give thanks to God for the people in this picture. And then let's say a prayer for their protection and healing.



Giving

GOD IS ALWAYS LOVING

Forerunners love others.



Hey Parents: When talking with your kids, it is important to remind them of the characteristics of God. One of our very favorite characteristics of God at Rush Creek Kids is: God always loves us. There is nothing your kids can do to make God love them any less. Reminding our kids of this very important characteristic will be super valuable when they doubt their worth.



Explore: Read John 13:34. God loves us so much. There is nothing we can ever do that would make God love us less. His love never changes. Because He loves us so much, He wants us to love others. We can love others by being friends with them, playing games with them, doing what others ask us to do, or giving lots of hugs!



Challenge: When we choose to love, it spreads like chicken pox. As a family, everyone grab some red round stickers and stick them on your family members when you show them love. See who has the most stickers at the end of the day.



Bible

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PATIENCE

Forerunners read the Bible.



Hey Parents: In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul tells us “The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”. As Christ followers, the Holy Spirit fills us and produces this fruit within us. As a Forerunner of the Faith, we are to continue to pursue God and chase after him. When we do this consistently, He will continue to produce more spiritual fruits within us.



Explore: In Ephesians 4:2 the Bible says “Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other.” Patience is waiting with a happy heart and a cheerful attitude. God wants us to always try and practice being patient without getting upset or sad. Being patient with ourselves or with others is a way that we can please God. Having a patient attitude is another way we can show others what it is like to be a Christ follower.



Challenge: Pick one of the following activities to do with a family member to help you practice being patient. After completing the activity, draw a picture of what your family did together in the box on the next page.

1. Build a puzzle.
2. Bake a cake.
3. Play a board game.



TO PRACTICE PATIENCE,
MY FAMILY MEMBER AND I ...



Worship

CORPORATE WORSHIP

Forerunners worship God.



Hey Parents: Sometimes kids wonder what happens during the service at church when they are in their classes. They are curious to know what their families are doing in the worship service. Each Sunday, we have some very important elements and we believe that our services help connect people to Jesus. As Forerunners of the Faith, we are united to help people find and follow Jesus. A great way for people to find Jesus is attending a Sunday morning worship service.



Explore: Let's look at the different elements that Rush Creek Church offers during a service and talk about them.

1. **Worship Songs:** We sing worship songs together aloud. These songs have lyrics that help us praise God and pray to Him. People can stand up, sit down, raise their hands, clap their hands, or even dance along to the music.
2. **Sermon:** One of our amazing pastors at Rush Creek will preach a sermon. It always includes reading out of the Bible and almost always includes funny stories to help us remember what we are learning.
3. **Offering:** In each of our worship centers, there are offering boxes available for families to honor God by giving a tithe or an offering. Make sure to look for these boxes at your campus.
4. **The Lord's Supper:** Rush Creek participates in the Lord's Supper every so often. This is when we remember and honor the sacrifice that Jesus made when He died on the cross for our sins.
5. **Baptism:** Although baptism doesn't happen every week, this is a very important part of our faith. People who have chosen to follow Jesus and make Him the leader of their life show the church that decision by being baptized. They are dunked into the water and then raised back up to symbolize their new life.



We have additional information about baptism and the Lord's Supper on the website for your family to use. Scan this QR code to access it.



Challenge: Ask an adult what their favorite worship song is. Write it down below.



Missions

LOCAL MISSIONS

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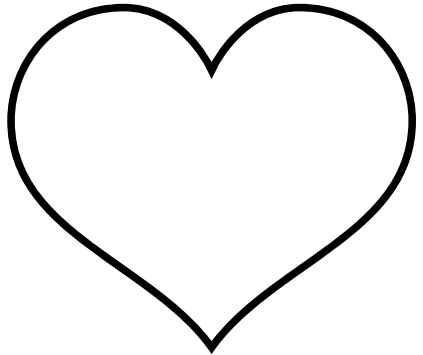
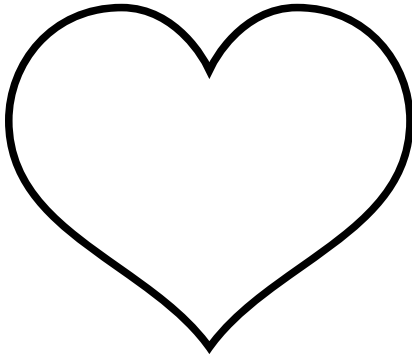
Hey Parents: As a follower and Forerunner for Jesus, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who are in need. God wants us to serve one another just as He did. We have so many opportunities to serve those around us and be a light to a dark world.



Explore: Did you know that God wants us to help others? God calls us to serve those around us just as He did. Serving others may not always be easy, but God will always be there to help us. Nothing is too small that God will not use it. Read Mark 10:45. We are to follow His example and help others around us because Jesus gave His life for us.



Challenge: Pick two simple ways you can serve someone around you. Write the ways in the two hearts below. When you have completed each way to serve someone, color the hearts in!



Memorize Scripture

MATTHEW 28:18

Forerunners memorize God's Word.



Hey Parents: Memorizing scripture can help us share the good news of the gospel with those around us. God sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross for us. In Matthew 28, Jesus tells us to go out and make disciples of all nations. God wants us to share His light and love with everyone we meet.

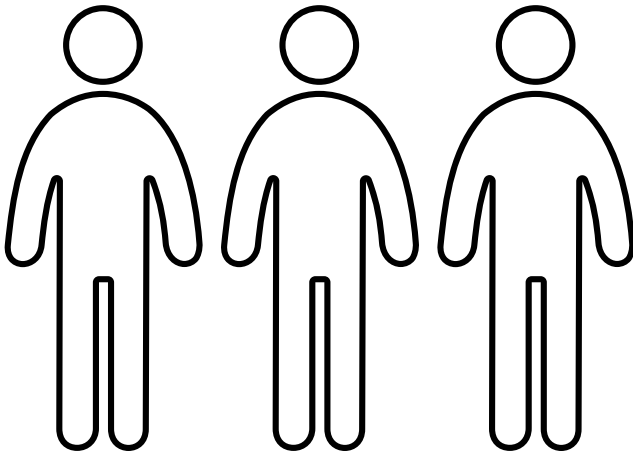


Explore: Read Matthew 28:18. Jesus wants us to tell everyone about Him. He gave His life on the cross for our sins! He wants us to follow Him and tell others about Him.



Challenge: Read the Scripture below and create motions for the verse. Practice saying the verse with the motions to 3 different people. Color in the people below after practicing it for them. Remember, that Jesus wants us to tell everyone about Him and what He has done for us!

“Jesus came near and said to them, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:18



Evangelism

INVITING A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Forerunners invite friends and family to church.



Hey Parents: Your family is surrounded by many different people in your neighborhood, at school, and even on your child's sports team. As Christians, our job is to tell others about what God has done in our own lives and share that the Gospel is for them too! As Forerunners of the Faith, we are called to help others find and follow Jesus. We should be inviting our friends, family, and neighbors who don't already know Jesus to church so that they can hear more about God's good news and tell them that Jesus loves them so much that He died for their sins.



Explore: The Book of Acts in the Bible is a story about the very first Christian church. A big crowd of people heard about Jesus and many of them believed what they heard and asked to be forgiven of their sins. The first church and the church today are made up of people who have made Jesus the leader of their life and have been baptized. Churches meet to learn more about God, Jesus, and the Bible. When you invite a friend to church, you are giving them the opportunity to hear more about Jesus.



Challenge: Think about people you know who you can invite to church with you. Talk with your parents to come up with a plan on how to invite them church and decide when to ask them to join you. Write down the names of at least 2 people in the boxes below. Then color the boxes when you have invited them to come to church. Remember, you cannot control their response, but God does call us to be faithful to Him by asking them.

1.

2.



Bible

BRINGING YOUR BIBLE

Forerunners read the Bible.



Hey Parents: Usually at church the verses that the pastor is reading will be put on the screen, or in your kid's class, they have Bibles you could borrow, but having your own personal copy of God's Word is special and important.



Explore: Read Matthew 4:4. Jesus Himself tells us that we need the words from God to help us live and thrive. Why should we bring our Bibles to church?

1. Bringing your Bible to church and reading it will help keep you from getting distracted.
2. Bringing your Bible to church will help you remember what you hear.
3. Bringing your Bible to church will help you learn to be close with God.



Challenge: Bring your Bible to church twice and write the dates below.

1. _____

2. _____



Worship

FAMILY WORSHIP

Forerunners worship God.



Hey Parents: One of the coolest things you can teach your child is how to worship as a family. Your child learns best by watching you and repeating learned behaviors. Let them experience worship with you and have those conversations with them on what worship looks like as a family.



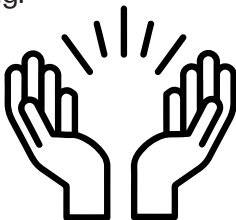
Explore: Read Psalm 148. What does it look like to worship God and why do we worship Him? We want to bring honor and praise to God. He loves to see and hear us worship Him.



Challenge: Kids, as you worship with your family this week, here are a few things to do:

1. **Worship:** Try to sing along, clap your hands, and watch how others worship.
2. **Listen:** There will be people (pastors, leaders, volunteers) who do many tasks during the service. When the pastor gets up to preach you can take notes or draw a picture of what he is talking about.
3. **Offering:** We do this in class. When they talk about offering, you can give whatever money you have. It goes to helping the church pay bills and helps those in need!

Color in each symbol as you complete: worship, listening, and offering.



Memorize Scripture

JOHN 14:6

Forerunners memorize God's Word.






Hey Parents: Memorizing God's word is another way to teach children how God calls us to live as Christians. John 14:6 tells us that there is only one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ. God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and then three days later, He rose again. He defeated death so we could have eternal life with Him. All we have to do is ask Him to be the leader of our lives.





Explore: Read John 14:6. This verse tells us that the only way to God is through Jesus. God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. What is sin? Sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God. Our sin separates us from God, but if we trust in Him, we can be with Him forever!



Challenge: Match the icons to complete the word puzzle below. Practice memorizing the verse and once you have it memorized, tell someone. Remember, Jesus gave His life for us. He is the only way to God.

Jesus said, "I am the  _____, the  _____,
and the  _____."

No one comes to the  _____ except through
 _____."



me



life



truth



way



father



love



him



mother



lie



Lord



Bible

PROVERBS

Forerunners read the Bible.



Hey Parents: Proverbs is a book of the Bible found in the Old Testament and written by Solomon, the son of King David. The book of Proverbs contains many brief but wise statements about how to live a godly life. The Proverbs help teach people how to be wise, what is right and wrong, and practical instructions on how to live a Christ-centered life.



Explore: Read Proverbs 3:5. Learning to trust God is something that takes practice. We must choose to place our trust in the Lord daily, even though it can be difficult at times. In Matthew 14:22-23, Peter walked on water when he focused his eyes on the Lord and put his trust in Him. Learning how to trust the Lord is only one of the many instructions we can find in the book of Proverbs. There are many verses that can be applied to everyday life. Take time during everyday moments to share these truths.



Challenge: Color the picture on the next page and practice reading the verse.



TRUST in THE
LORD with
all your
HEART

Proverbs 3:5



Worship

NATURE WALK

Forerunners worship God.



Hey Parents: We know that schedules are busy, and time can slip away. Setting aside specific time to have a long Bible study with your child may not be doable right now. At Rush Creek, our goal is to help families find times to have intentional faith conversations even outside of the house. Take some time this week to walk outside, maybe around the block or at the park, and spend some time talking to your child about God, creation, and life.






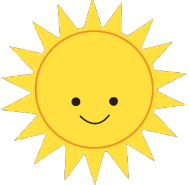



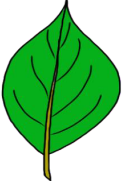








Explore: Read Jeremiah 32:17 aloud. We can worship God outside of church. Worship is not just for Sundays; we can spend time with God every day. Worship is not just singing songs or praying, it is also learning about who God is and admiring all the things He has created!



Challenge: Go on a nature walk this week with your family and explore. What things did you see along your walk? Find as many as you can and put an X through everything you see. If you find something unique be sure to write that down too and take a picture.



Find as many as you can and put an X through them.

Acorn 	Orange Leaf 	Rocks 	Sun 
Stick 	Insect 	Yellow Leaf 	Green Leaf 
Grass 	Pinecone 	Bird 	Flower 
Brown Leaf 	Squirrel 	Red Leaf 	Tree 



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