

Parent Guide

This guide is meant to equip you with discussion questions and conversation starters that you can use throughout the week to continue the conversation about what you and your kids learned on Sunday.

Sermon Summary

In today's sermon, we delved into the teachings of Jesus from Mark 13, where He speaks about the future destruction of the Temple and the signs of the end times. The discussion was rooted in Jesus' authority and His call for us to remain faithful and obedient despite confusion and upheaval. Key points included the importance of focusing on who Jesus is rather than getting caught up in the when and what of future events. We learned that Jesus provides clarity, reduces distractions, helps us recognize deception, and resets our timing and expectations for the future. Remember, our confidence lies in Jesus Himself.

If you had to pick one fictional character to be your sidekick in navigating confusing times like in the sermon, who would you choose and why?

Conversation Starters

These are things you can talk about with your kids to help further the conversation.

- During family dinner, bring up today's sermon:
 - What do you remember about Jesus talking about a temple? (Based on Mark 13:1-2)
- On a car ride, initiate a discussion:
 - Why do you think Jesus warns us about being led astray? (Referencing the caution in Mark 13:5-6)
- While doing chores together, reflect on the sermon:
 - How can we stay focused on Jesus when there are so many distractions around us? (Linking to Jesus reducing distractions – v1-2)
- Before bedtime, discuss expectations:
 - What does it mean that Jesus resets our timing and expectations? (Thinking about v4,7,8 and their implications)
- In a moment of conflict or confusion, have an intentional conversation:
 - How can we find comfort in knowing that Jesus is in control, even when things seem chaotic?
 (Tying back to Jesus recognizing discomfort and deception v5-6)

⚠ Think about how you can be aware of deception in your own life, whether it be false narratives or distractions, and ask for discernment and wisdom from God.

Lonsider how you can endure through challenges and conflicts, trusting in Jesus' authority and power, and ask for strength and perseverance in your faith.