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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sharing your child with me as we learn about God's Word together. Your child is going to enjoy learning the lessons for this quarter.

The study this quarter looks at God's gift of faith as the source of hope. Lessons from the Gospels illuminate hope and faith in the teachings and miracles of Jesus. Lessons from the Epistles show how the early church understood God's gift of salvation through faith in Christ as the source of hope.

Unit I, "Jesus Teaches about Faith," is comprised of five lessons that reveal the hope and faith that come through Jesus' teachings and miracles. The lessons from the book of Matthew demonstrate that faith in God is the primary source of hope and confidence. The miracles in the books of Mark and Luke illustrate the power of faith.

Unit II, "Faith and Salvation," has four lessons that explore in Paul's letter to the Romans his understanding about the hope of salvation through faith. The letter teaches that God's righteousness is revealed in those who live by faith. Paul illustrates faith through the example of Abraham. He unpacks the teaching about being reconciled to God by justification through faith and teaches that salvation is for all.

Unit III, "Faith Gives Us Hope," has four lessons that focus on faith as being essential for the hope of eternal life. The book of Hebrews defines faith in Christ as a basis for hope and tells how faith in Christ gives hope that helps people endure in all circumstances. The book of 1 John promises that faith conquers the world. The book of 2 Corinthians teaches about hope in God's gift of eternal life.

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Your Child's Teacher

LESSON 1

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

June 6, 2021

Why Worry?

Key Verse

"Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" (Matthew 6:31)

Why Worry?

(Matthew 6:25-34)

Praise God! We do not need to worry. God is amazing and He takes good care of us. God wants us to trust in Him for everything. God takes care of people and animals. He also takes care of the flowers. If you need anything, look to God.

Everyone needs God. We need God more than we need to think about our food or clothes. When we trust God, we have faith in Him. God loves when we have faith in Him.

Do not worry. Stay close to God and He will take care of you.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child heard a story about why God does not want us to worry. He wants us to have trust in Him and just focus on each day. To reinforce today's lesson, ask your child to list things that he or she is grateful for today. Help your child focus on giving God praise for each thing on his or her list.

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Your Child's Teacher

Faith Block

I will not worry!

LESSON 2

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27

June 13, 2021

Stay Calm

Key Verse

The [disciples] were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him [Jesus]!" (Matthew 8:27)

Stay Calm

(Matthew 8:23-27)

Praise God! Jesus can do everything.

One day, Jesus was on a boat with His disciples. There was a storm on the boat and the waves were very high. Jesus was asleep. The disciples were scared so they woke Him up. They wanted Jesus' help. Jesus told them not to be afraid and to have faith. Jesus calmed the winds and everyone was safe. The disciples were very happy and they knew Jesus was special.

Jesus always helps us. He wants us to stay calm and trust in Him.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child discovered that God is with us even during the storms of life. He wants us to stay calm and trust in Him. As you review today's lesson with your child, go over calming techniques with him or her. Encourage your child to use the techniques when he or she is feeling anxious. Examples of techniques you can utilize include counting to ten, breathing in and out, taking a walk, and so forth.

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Your Child's Teacher

Faith Block

Stay calm and trust Jesus!