



**Parent
Cue**

SMALL TALK

MEMORY VERSE

"God's way is perfect."
Psalm 18:30, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

God Loves Me

KEY QUESTION

Why should you do
what God says?

BOTTOM LINE

God knows what's
best for me.

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WEEK 1 | GENESIS 3:1-24

In the beginning, God created a world that was best for all people. He gave rules for Adam and Eve to follow because He knew what was best for them. Adam and Eve did not obey God and had to leave the garden God so lovingly made for them.

WEEK 2 | JONAH 1:1-3:10

God tells Jonah to go to Ninevah. Instead of obeying God, Jonah runs away and finds himself in the belly of a BIG fish. Jonah finally obeys God and learns the hard way that God knows what's best.

WEEK 3 | 2 KINGS 5:1-14

God tells Naaman to swallow his pride and dip in the river seven times so he can be healed. Naaman finds this very hard to do, but once he obeys he is completely healed.

WEEK 4 | NUMBERS 13-14

God sends Joshua, Caleb and 10 other spies into the Promised Land. The other spies are scared by what they see but not Joshua and Caleb. They want to do what God says even when others don't.



**first look
HOME**



PLAY TIME: Go outside with a magnifying glass, art pad and crayons. Explore the world God made for us. Look at trees, flowers and grasses up close. Visit a garden of fruits and veggies. Make a few drawings of what you see. Talk about how people need plants for clean air and food to eat. God knew what was best for us and that's why He made it!



CAR TIME: There are lots of things we're told to do while driving a car. Red lights tell you to stop. Green lights tell you to go. You have to wear a seatbelt. You can't text while you drive.

Talk with your child about the rules you are following, as you drive, and what could happen if you didn't obey them. When you get home, briefly tell your child that God knows what's best for us. He tells us what to do because He loves us and wants to take care of us. And that's why we should always, always, ALWAYS do what He says.



BATH TIME: God told Naaman to dip in the water seven times to be healed. It was hard for Naaman, but he did it! Have some fun talking about the Bible story and tell your child he can

dip under the water seven times to rinse his hair/body. (If needed, you can pour a cup of water seven times.) Encourage your child to count out loud to seven with you.



PARENT TIME:

It's August—the time of year where we look forward to the next step. Even if your babies aren't in preschool yet, it's an automatic "beginning" for us, probably conditioning

from the years we spent in school. As we enter into the fall, we take a moment to look at the big picture.

So, what are you evaluating? I'm pretty sure that on your list are the names of those who are pouring into your preschooler(s). Who are they spending time with? Who is influencing them? These are good questions. We want to make sure our children have a wide circle of influence helping them to develop spiritually.

However, have you thought about your circle of influence? Who's pouring into you spiritually? Who's challenging your role as parent? Who's providing you with encouragement and accountability? Anyone? We, as parents, need to create a circle of influence of our own. We weren't meant to walk this road alone. Take a moment this month to look around and see whom God has placed around you to help, and make sure you're listening.

Visit www.OrangeParents.org to hear Carey Nieuwhof's Parent Link Live. He provides a variety of ways we can widen our circle as parents.



CUDDLE TIME:

"Dear God, it's hard to do what You say when our friends don't. Help [child's name] have the courage to always do what You say. Help his friends to do what You say too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

