

Sunday School Family Sheet: Remember His Day

Sunday, November 1, 2020

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

For this lesson: You will need either:
1) a Bible, or
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers
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(Call the church office 9715-848-7286 for help getting one)

1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud either Genesis 12:1-9 or p. 26 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, ask the children to keep these questions in mind. Then, *after reading*, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:
 - a. What did God promise Abraham?
(*He promised that He would make Abraham the father of a great nation.*)
 - b. How did Abraham respond?
(*He listened to God and did what God asked: He moved to a new land.*)
 - c. Would you say that Abraham *listened* or *did not listen* to God?
(*He listened.*)

2. **Teach.** After you've talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: Abraham really did listen to God when God made Him promises. Abraham didn't only use his *ears*, but he also used his *heart*: he not only *paid attention* to the words that God spoke, but he also *trusted* what God said. He *listened* with his *ears* by *paying attention* to the words, and he *listened* with his *heart* by *trusting* what he heard. To trust what someone says means that you take what they say to be true and trust those words.

Abraham therefore teaches us why we listen to God's Word and go to church. In the Bible, God gives this command: "**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**" What does that mean? It means that God wants us to spend all of our days *listening* to His Word, that is, *paying attention* to what He says, *learning* it, and *trusting* it with happy hearts. We do that at least one day a week at church, and we may do it every day in our home. Can you think of ways to do it? (*Guide the children to answers like, read/listen to the Bible; listen to the sermon; tell each other the stories of Jesus; sing about God, etc.*)

3. **Pray.** Continue to teach the children to remember their Baptism by crossing themselves and saying, "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Then teach them this prayer from the Bible: "Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Amen" (Psalm 119:105). You may have to explain how the word is a lamp and light: it shows us the way to go, just as lamps clear up the darkness.