

Sunday School Family Sheet: Speak Well

Sunday, February 7, 2021

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 Joshua 1-3, and 4:1-10, and 6, or pp. 86-90 in the 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, share the following: “After God had Moses bring Israel out of Egypt and to the Promised Land, a big change was about to happen. Moses was not allowed to go into the Promised Land because he sinned, but his friend Joshua would now lead the people of Israel. It was a scary time for everyone, but they trusted God.” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind as you read. *After reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:*
 - a. Moses wasn’t allowed to go to the Promised Land. What happened if we sin? *(We could get disciplined by our parents; lose privileges, etc.)*
 - b. Why do you think Joshua was afraid to lead the people of Israel? *(Joshua didn’t think he was good enough. Joshua was afraid of leading, The people of Israel weren’t good listeners.)*
 - c. Why did Joshua need to send spies into Jericho? Who helped out the spies? *(Israel needed to see what kind city Jericho was. Joshua wanted to know what kind of army or defenses Jericho had. Rahab helped the spies by keeping their “secret,” speaking well of them!)*
 - d. Joshua and Israel crossed through the Jordan River – when did something like this happen before? *(When Moses led Israel through the Red Sea, running away from the Egyptians.)*
 - e. How did Joshua and Israel take Jericho? *(Doing what God said; blowing trumpets and marching around the city!)*
2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: Sometimes God has us do things that seem so hard at first: Moving to a new house or to a new school, making new friends if old friends move away, learning difficult stuff in school, or maybe meeting a new teacher at the beginning of the school year. Things can be hard but God promises to be with us, to give us courage and strength so that we don’t need to be afraid of anything. He is our strength and will help us like he helped Joshua and Israel!
3. **Pray.** Have the children cross themselves and say, “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Also, lead them in this prayer: “Heavenly Father, even though hard things may come to me, I know You are good and want to bless me. You blessed me in Baptism and led me through water already. Help me in all things. Amen!