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SAFE PLACE

GOD IS MY STRENGTH

This world can be a dark and scary place, and kids already know that. They have to face painful and challenging things, just like adults do. G.K. Chesterton, who wrote both Christian apologetics and fiction, felt strongly that fairy tales do not suddenly make children aware that dragons exist. Rather, because children already know that dragons exist, fairy tales tell children the dragons can be killed. Chesterton was on to something. Every good story is a reflection of the one true story--God's story--which affirms for kids and adults alike that we're in a war, but the battle has already been won. In the end, our enemy's defeat is certain! So, let's equip kids to know that no matter what they face, God is fighting with them and for them. Jesus wins! In the end, everything will be made right. With this truth in mind, we can always find strength in God! He is surely our safe place.

WEEK 1: Israel Captures Jericho
(Joshua 6:1-16, 20)

VIRTUE: COURAGE

God is strong, so I can be brave.

WEEK 2: A Gold Statue & a Blazing Furnace
(Daniel 3)

VIRTUE: INTEGRITY

God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.

WEEK 3: Jesus Calms the Storm
(Mark 4:36-41)

VIRTUE: TRUST

God is in control, so I can trust Him

WEEK 4: Jesus Has Won the Battle
(John 16:33; Revelation 19:11-16)

VIRTUE: HOPE

Jesus wins.

MEMORY VERSE:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1, NIV

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



MORNING TIME

As your kid starts his day, remind him, "Whatever you face today, you're not alone! God is strong, and He will help you be brave."



MEAL TIME

At a meal this week, go around the table and have everyone answer this question: "How do we know God is the strongest? How can God's strength help us be brave, do right, and have hope?"



DRIVE TIME

While on the go, have a spiritual conversation with your kid. Ask: "What is something hard or scary right now? When do you feel the most nervous or unsure? How could God be your strength in this?"



BED TIME

Pray together: "Father God, thank You that You are stronger than anything we face. Help us trust You and be brave, even when we feel afraid. We are so glad that Jesus wins in the end! In Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT TIP:

Learning God's Word is one of the most important things you can help your child accomplish. It is far more crucial than memorizing multiplication facts, historical timelines, or spelling lists.

That's because the Holy Spirit can use those words and make them come alive within your child at opportune moments. The Holy Spirit can take a verse that was instilled in a child's memory, and help her see the truth of it when she is a young adult or beyond. The Holy Spirit can speak to us through those words of His that have found a place to live in our minds and hearts.

There are many, many different ways to memorize something, but the best tip I can give you is to use music. The songs that I heard as a child that were word-for-word Scripture are still playing over and over again in my inner ear. I can't forget them, even if I try! And the Lord reminds me of their truths consistently.

Some of the best Scripture songs that I have found are by "Seeds Kids Worship" and "Doorpost Songs." There are others, too! Just look up the verse address and see what you can find on YouTube or Spotify. The QR code on this page will take you to a song that includes this month's memory verse. Add it to your playlist to see if it helps your kids learn it!

