

NextGen FAMILY RE:VERSE

For the week leading up
to January 24th

RE:VERSE TIPS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIPS:

- Try each day as you have time. Start slowly by only spending 5-10 minutes doing Re:Verse if you need to. You can also start out by only doing one day per week, adding more days as you go.
- If you don't get to a certain day, skip it or do it later. No need to fret!
- The first bulleted question is for younger kids and they get "deeper" or more difficult as you go to the second and third bulleted questions

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A NextGen family prayer campaign is coming soon!

THURSDAY

READ IT: Matthew 13:1-9

What story did Jesus tell about soil? The story is about a farmer planting seeds in the soil. **Jesus wants us to know that God's Word is like a seed and our hearts are like the soil.** In Jesus' story not every seed grows. The soil on the path was hard so birds came and ate the seeds. Other soil was full of rocks. Because the seeds could not grow deep roots, they sprouted quickly but the sun killed them. Other soil was full of thorns that crowded out the seeds. But when the seeds fell on good soil they grew and produced a large crop.

TALK IT!

- What were the different kinds of soil in Jesus' story?
- What does Jesus want us to know about the seed and the soil?
- How is your love for God and His Word growing?

PRAY IT!

- Ask God to help you grow in His Word more each day.

FRIDAY

READ IT: Matthew 13:10-17

What is a parable? A parable is a story that tells us a secret truth about God's kingdom. Jesus' parables help God's children know Him better, but parables are not always easy to understand. Those who are not God's children do not understand them because they will not ask for God's help. **Jesus said that we need more than our minds; we need our hearts to understand His Word.** God's children may struggle with the Bible, but hard truths are actually God's gift. His Holy Spirit is with us. The more the Holy Spirit helps us understand, the more our love for God grows.

TALK IT!

- What is a parable?
- Why don't people who are not God's children understand parables?
- How is it possible for God's children to understand hard truths in the Bible?

PRAY IT!

- Thank God for helping us understanding His truths.
- Ask Him to help you understand His truths and to give you wisdom in telling others about Him!

SATURDAY

READ IT: Matthew 13:18-23

What does the parable about the soil mean? The farmer is someone who tells the good news about Jesus (Luke 8:11). Hard soil is like a person who does not want to hear the truth about God. Rocky soil is like a person who at first is happy to hear God's Word. Then when a hard thing happens they stop listening to God. The thorny soil is like a person who thinks things can make them happier than God. **The good soil is like a person who hears God's Word and believes the truth about Jesus.** Jesus is able to make even the hardest heart into good soil.

TALK IT!

- Who is the farmer in the parable about the soil?
- What happens when a person with a heart that is like good soil?
- What is the soil of your heart like – hard, rocky, thorny, or good?

PRAY IT!

- Talk to God about the soil of your heart.
- Ask Him to give you a heart like good soil.