NextGen FAMILY RE:VERSE

For the week leading up to October 11th

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!

READ IT: Romans 5:1-2

What does God say about those who have faith in Jesus? God says they are justified. To be justified means that God will never look at you and say "guilty" again. Now God, the Judge of the universe, says of us who have faith in Jesus, "you are My child." Jesus took our punishment for us and gave to us His righteousness. What good news to us who all deserve wrath. Instead, through Jesus we have peace with God that never ends. We will always stand in grace.

TALK IT!

- What does it mean to be justified?Why does God say we are His children when we have faith in Him?
- When have you thanked Jesus for taking your punishment?

PRAY IT!

- Thank Jesus for taking our punishment.
- Praise God for having a plan to save us!

READ IT: Romans 5:3-5

How do we know our faith in Jesus is real? We know our faith is real when our suffering makes us stronger and gives us hope. Suffering is normal for God's children and makes them more like Jesus. Our troubles are like climbing a steep hill with the wind in our face. But God comes to take our hand, protect us from the wind and help us walk. We are not strong enough by ourselves. But He is with us to pick us up when we fall, to make us stronger and love Him more. The Holy Spirit makes us know God is at work even in life's hardest times.

TALK IT!

- What is suffering?What does suffering do to our faith in Jesus?
- When has God made your faith stronger through suffering?

PRAY IT!

- Ask God to help you have faith during times of suffering or discouragement.
- Thank God for giving us the Holy Spirit to help guide us!

READ IT: Romans 5:6-11

How do we know faith in Jesus will save us from God's wrath? We know because we were God's enemies and He sent Jesus to die for us. God reconciled us to Himself through Jesus' death. To reconcile means to make peace between enemies. When two people fight it is hard to want to be friends, but not with God. God loved us when we were His enemies. He sent Jesus to take the wrath for our sin so we could have peace with Him forever. Even when you sin God loves you and the way is always open to come back to Him. If God loved us when we were His enemies we can be sure of His love always.

TALK IT!

- What does reconcile mean?
- What did God do while we were still His enemies?
- How do you know faith in Jesus will save you from God's wrath?

PRAY IT!

 Thank God for reconciling us to Him!



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