

NextGen FAMILY RE:VERSE

For the week leading
up to October 4th

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: Romans 4:1-3

Who was Abraham? Abraham was a good man who loved God. But before Abraham loved God or ever did anything good, God loved him. In Genesis 15, God told Abraham that even though he did not have any children, he would have a big family and that through his family, God would bless the whole world. Abraham's family would be large but God planned for one son to be very special. This son would be sent by God to save us from our sins. Years later, just as God said, Jesus was born in the family line of Abraham. Abraham believed the promises of God about Jesus (John 8:56.) Abraham was justified, meaning he was given Jesus' righteousness. He was justified not because he was good but because he had faith in God's promises. ***We are God's children by faith in Jesus, not by our good works.***

TALK IT!

- What promise about Jesus did God give Abraham?
- Have you been counting on God giving you righteousness for being good?
- Will you ask God for faith to believe His promises about Jesus?

PRAY IT!

- Thank God for keeping His promises.

FRIDAY

READ IT: Romans 4:4-12

Why was Abraham credited with righteousness before he worked for it? It was better for Abraham to see how gracious and merciful God is than to think he could be good enough to earn God's love. In school you only get a good grade if you earn it, but God gives righteousness to people who do nothing to earn it. God is gracious. This means He gives us what we do not deserve. All people, good and bad, need God's grace and mercy to be forgiven of sin and saved from His wrath. A completed homework assignment will earn you the credit toward an A in the class. ***But God credits us with righteousness by faith in Jesus.***

TALK IT!

- When have you thanked God for His grace and mercy?
- Have you believed that God should love you because you are not a bad person?
- When have you thought you needed to work to earn God's love?

PRAY IT!

- Praise God for giving us grace and not making us earn salvation!
- Thank God for His love!

SATURDAY

READ IT: Romans 4:13-25

How was Abraham's faith different from wishful thinking? Abraham didn't just wish he and Sarah would have a child, he knew God would give them a child. Abraham believed God had the power to do what He promised. Abraham and Sarah did have a baby and many years later Jesus came from his family line. Someone may wish a chair will hold them. But when they actually sit down and put their full weight in the chair, they show faith. God tells us to have faith in Jesus. To have faith in Jesus means to know Jesus is our strong Savior who holds onto us. He is the Son of God. He died on the cross to pay for our sin, He was buried and rose again on the third day to give us eternal life. ***Faith is believing God's promise about Jesus.***

TALK IT!

- Will you believe God and have faith in Jesus?
- What is the difference between faith and wishful thinking?
What makes it hard for you to believe God?

PRAY IT!

- Ask God to help you trust Him more and to remember His promises.