NextGen FAMILY RE:VERSE

For the week leading up to September 27th

RE:VERSE TIPS & NNOUNCEMENT

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!

URSDAY

READ IT: Romans 3:21-23

Who is good enough to be called righteous by God? No one is good enough. Everyone has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. God made us to bring Him glory but sin keeps His glory from shining from our lives. Sin colors even the best things we do. We do not love God or other people all the time. If sin were the color orange all of us would be some shade of orange. And if we would try to get rid of the orange color on our own we would make ourselves a deeper shade of orange. This is bad news. No one is righteous: we have all sinned and deserve punishment.

TALK IT!

- Who is good enough to be called righteous?
- What keeps us from bringing God glory?
- When have you thought God loved you because of good things you do?

PRAY IT!

• Thank God for sending Jesus to take the punishment that we deserve.

READ IT: Romans 3:23-26

Can anyone be righteous? Yes. Jesus is righteous. The good news is that God sent His Son Jesus to live the righteous life we cannot live. Jesus never sinned. He obeyed God's law all the time, even in His thoughts. Through faith in Jesus, God forgives our sin. But how can God be just if He does not punish our sin? When we believe in Jesus, God counts Jesus' death on the cross as the full punishment for all our sin. But there's more! God also counts Jesus' righteousness as belonging to you (2 Cor. 5:21). The righteousness of Jesus covers you like a robe covers your body. When you are God's child, He sees you covered in Jesus' robe of righteousness always, and does not see your sin. We need Jesus' righteousness to be right with God.

TALK IT!

- How did Jesus take the punishment for your (our) sin?
- How do we know that Jesus is righteous?
- When have you thanked Jesus for dying in your place?

PRAY IT!

- Thank Jesus for taking your place and punishment.
- Praise Jesus for His righteousness!

READ IT: Romans 3:27-31

What does it mean to have faith in Jesus? To have faith in Jesus means to believe who He is and that He alone makes us right with God. All through the Bible we learn that no matter how many stickers we get for being good we cannot be right with God. But when we have faith in Jesus, God forgives us and counts us as perfectly righteous as Jesus. Faith in Jesus means we believe Jesus is the Son of God, that He died on the cross to pay for our sin, that He was buried and rose again on the third day to give us eternal life. God's plan is to make one family from different people who all have faith in Jesus. All who have faith in Jesus belong to the family of God.

TALK IT!

- What does it mean to have faith in Jesus?
- What is God's plan for all the people who have faith in Jesus?
- When have you told God that you believe in Jesus is His Son who died on the cross to pay for your (our) sin?

PRAY IT!

 Praise God for having a plan to save the people that love Him and have faith in Jesus.



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