

# NextGen FAMILY RE:VERSE

For the week leading  
up to September 6<sup>th</sup>

## RE:VERSE TIPS AND 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 1:1-6

**Who was Paul?** Paul was an apostle, or an official teacher of Jesus Christ. This was a big change for Paul who had been known as Saul. Saul belonged to the religious group known as the Pharisees. He believed in keeping all the laws of the Torah – the first five books of the Bible, and traditions of the Jewish people. Saul thought Jesus was an enemy of God's people. But Jesus came to Saul in a special way, changed his heart and gave him faith to believe Jesus was not an enemy. Jesus, as the Messiah, came to save God's people. God changed Saul's name to Paul and made him an apostle. **When God comes to us and gives us faith to believe in Jesus, our hearts are changed.**

### TALK IT!

- Who came to Saul and gave him faith to believe in Jesus?
- Who changes our hearts and gives us faith to believe?
- When has God changed your heart?

### PRAY IT!

- Thank God for sending Jesus to save His people.
- Praise God for changing our hearts when we let Him be Lord!

## FRIDAY

READ IT: Romans 1:7-10

**To whom did Paul write this letter?** Paul wrote this letter to the people in Rome who believed in Jesus. Believers in Jesus met in churches to worship God together. We know from Acts 18:1-2 that the church in Rome was made up of both Jewish Christians and non- Jewish Christians, called Gentiles. **People may be different in many ways but become one family through faith in Jesus.** Long before Paul wrote to the Romans, the Emperor Claudius made all the Jewish people leave Rome. When Claudius died the Jewish people returned. But the Jewish Christians were not happy when they returned to their churches. The church was not following the Jewish traditions they thought were important. The Jewish Christians and non-Jewish Christians (Gentiles) began to quarrel.

### TALK IT!

- Who did the people in the church believe in?
- Why were the Jewish Christians not happy?
- How do people who are very different become one in God's family?

### PRAY IT!

- Ask God to help you work well with other Christians to tell others about Him.

## SATURDAY

READ IT: Romans 1:11-17

**Why did Paul write this letter?** Paul wanted the believers in Jesus of the church in Rome to know that even though they had many differences they were one family. They should not be quarreling over their differences. The gospel of Jesus Christ had brought them together into one family. What is the gospel? The gospel is the story of Jesus. How He lived, died and was resurrected for the forgiveness of our sins. Because of our sin we are not right with God. Jesus came to make us right with God. To be righteous means to be right with God. The righteous live by faith in Jesus. **To have faith in Jesus means to believe who He is and that He alone makes us right with God.** Believers in Jesus are all in God's family even though they may live in different countries, have different skin color and speak different languages.

### TALK IT!

- What is the gospel?
- Why did Jesus come to live on earth?
- How are we made right with God?

### PRAY IT!

- Thank God for making a way for us to be made right with Him!