PreTeen
Spring

Family Connections

A quarterly letter for connecting with families who have preteens in 5th & 6th grades at <Type your church or children's ministry name here>

Welcome to Family Connections—the quarterly newsletter that helps you know what your preteen is learning from God's Word. Please let us know if we can help you in any way as we partner with you to grow kids in Jesus.

Family Thought

For the first seven weeks of this quarter, your preteen will be exploring Bible events in the order in which they took place in history. Consider your family's spiritual history. How has God led your family to this point? Thank God for what He has done, is doing, and can do!

Coming This Quarter

Units of learning include:
- God Prepares for Salvation
- God Sends and Offers Salvation
- Be a Real Christian
- Tongue Control

Family Memory Challenge

Bible verses your preteen will be encouraged to learn this quarter include:
- 2 Timothy 3:14, 15
- John 3:16, 17
- Romans 12:9, 10, 13
- Ephesians 4:29

Learn these verses as a family. How fast can family members find each unit's Bible memory verses in a Bible? Can anyone in the family memorize a passage in one day? one hour? five minutes? How many days in a row can the verses be quoted from memory? Records will improve with repetition and memorizing the Bible will be fun.

Growing Together

Are the preteens in your family growing up too fast and too soon? Are they being hurried through childhood? Use these questions to identify situations of "hurrying" in your home:

- Does it seem like family members never stop going and they're going in different directions?
- Is the message conveyed at home "Be perfect or else" or "Winning is what matters"?
- Are the preteens in your family expected to do things in school or on the playing field that are normally associated with teens or adults?
- Are responsibilities placed upon preteens actually beyond their capabilities?

As a family, memorize and apply Psalm 46:10. When we learn to be still with one another at home, God will be exalted.

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