With inspiration and dedication to my dad! My hero, the man who didn't have to be! I love you. -Kristin

*God always <u>forgives</u>

JOHN 8: "Then neither do I condemn you, Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Teach your child what forgiveness means: "helping your heart be okay choices; not always those of others, but to let go of things" is a good way to help a child look at it.

Give examples:

If you spilt your drink, mommy would forgive you. If you don't listen, I would forgive you because I know you listen really good most of the time and it is okay to forget.

WEEKLY LESSON 3

 $\ensuremath{\underline{`Baptism}}$ is the way we affirm our faith"

MATTHEW 3: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and lighting on him.

Pretend play: In the bathtub, pour water on your child's head; remind them that is what they do when they "baptize" someone. Teach the importance of baptism: to be saved by God.

"God protects us"

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Make a fort! This can be a fun place you can go to with your child this week to talk, read stories, or do your weekly activities together. Discuss with child that the fort you built together is a SAFE place that protects them from everything! Talk with your child about other things that make them feel safe or ways they can feel protected.

WEEKLY LESSON 2

"Nothing is impossible"

BUBBLE

ACTS 9: Saul was a bad guy whom Jesus made blind for three days. Jesus restored Saul's' sight so he could see again, he was baptized, and regained his strength to be good.

Help your child do something they think is hard or "impossible" for them. Teach the meaning of impossible: "too hard to do"

Ideas to do with child: Solve a hard puzzle Tying their own shoes Reading a story

<u>JULY</u> Ages 3+

Focus on the underlined word(s)

Complete one lesson each week of the month

WEEKLY LESSON 4

"Live through Christ, not the world's perceptions."

COLOSSIANS 2: So then, just as you received Christi Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Teach what perception means: to see things the way you see them. Example: Show them a picture, ask what they see and notice about it. That is their perception of what they see. Remind child that no matter what they see or know in the world as they grow up, to remember God is the one that helps us see, know, and learn those things.



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