



THE JOURNEY CHURCH

# KIDS

*HIStory*

Season 1. UNIT 1. Parent Devo

## **How to use this Devotional**

### **Introduction**

As I think about how to share the importance of discipleship in the home with you, I am reminded of the moment when that first became a conviction of my own. I was in a season of growth and I had been binge listening to sermons on all of the deepest doctrines that I could get a hold of. I thought that I was beyond the simple, everyday life stuff. I didn't want to listen to something as "trivial" as how to honor God in your marriage or finances or anything like that. I remember scrolling through John MacArthur sermons and seeing one with a thought provoking title. I don't remember that particular title, but what I do remember is how the Lord pulled a bait and switch on me. Five minutes into it I realized that it was a sermon about discipling your family. As many years ago as that was, I still think back to two particular quotes from that sermon that humbled me out of some pride and changed my view on this forever. First, he said something to the effect of, "the most important disciples the Lord will ever give you are living under your roof." And second, "The Christian home should look like an outpost of the Kingdom of God." Now, I have not mastered this by any means. But as we all know, change starts with conviction.

It is my prayer that you will grow in this conviction as well. The very first command given in scripture is to "be fruitful and multiply." From the rest of scripture, in places like Deuteronomy 6, Psalm 127 and Ephesians 6:4, we see that this command means more than just "have babies." God expects believers who are blessed with children to be a part of that mission to fill the earth with godly offspring. This is where those MacArthur quotes come in. Just because each person has to make their own decision to follow Christ, and kids can't ride to Heaven on the faith of their parents, that does not absolve us of the responsibility to plant them in the soil of the Gospel. That's where we, the church, come in. Parents are given this massive task, but they are not given it to walk alone. We often treat child discipleship like it is the job of the teachers in the classroom at church. This could not be more backward. Child discipleship is primarily the job of parents. The church is to come alongside those parents to equip, educate and encourage. This is the purpose of the booklet. We hope to use this booklet as the first of many resources providing families the teaching they need to fulfill the Great Commission in their homes.

### **How this works**

Following this Introduction is an overview of the layout and vision for the curriculum that we will be using in the classrooms. This devotional book follows that same layout and vision. We hope that you will spend a few minutes each week reading the devotion for that particular week. In doing so, you will be learning the same things, at an adult level that your kids are learning in class. We want to give you this resource to help equip you to be the primary disciple-maker in your home. The idea is that what you learn here and what they learn in class will work together to foster organic conversations about the Scriptures in your home. But of course this will work just as well as anything ever does. The more you put into it, the more you will get out of it. We are here for you. We are praying for you.

## Curriculum

We believe that our kids need to be taught:

- 1) That the Bible stories they've heard so many times before are all part of one big story that centers on Jesus and that we need to show them Jesus in all of these stories. (Luke 24:27)
- 2) That "*what comes to mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.*" - A.W. Tozer. And as such, we believe that kids need more than teachings about what God has done, but also who God is. (John 17:3)
- 3) That the good news of the Gospel is far deeper and richer than a tack- on to the end of a lesson, and that this depth and richness is not just accessible to kids, but is designed by God for kids. (Matthew 11:25)
- 4) That our brothers and sisters in Christ, throughout the ages have wrestled with and answered tough questions about the faith. Those answers have become the core doctrines of Christianity and they need to be passed on to our children to help them know and defend their faith. (Jude 3)

Using these core convictions, we have developed a curriculum that is structured around four topics that will be taught as four "seasons" of the year.

***HIStory*** - We will take the kids through key milestones in the biblical narrative chronologically. We will show them how each story relates to all the others and how, ultimately, they all point to Jesus.

***God*** - We will take them on a journey through the attributes of God, showing them what it means to say that He is holy or that He is love, etc. We will teach them how to see the God that they can know in the pages of scripture.

***Good News*** - This season will dive deep into the core elements of the Gospel message. They will learn about man, his condition and what God has done for them in Christ.

***Foundations*** - In this season we will give them an overview of core Christian doctrines such as, the Bible, the Trinity, Baptism, etc. We will teach them to know what they believe and to believe what they know.

## Structure

The material will be broken down as follows. There will be four seasons: HIStory, God, Good News, and Foundations. Those four seasons will be broken down into units and the units into individual lessons. During each season, the lesson will be focused on that particular element of the curriculum. However, the other three elements will still be present in every lesson. Once the "HIStory" season is finished, we will move into the "God" season. The structure will remain the same, but now the particular attribute of God being studied will be the focus of the lesson and an element of HIStory will be secondary. What we love about this is that much of the content will be repeated and layered. They'll get a big focus on creation in the HIStory season, but they'll also get a short reinforcement of that same lesson in another season.

## We are here for you

We appreciate your labor in the Lord. As many have said, "whoever wants this generation the most will have them." Let's continue striving to show Jesus as incomparably glorious to this generation!

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# In the beginning, God

Week of SEPTEMBER 11th



Season 1

Unit 1

Week 1

Passages

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Colossians 1:17

Revelation 21:5

## Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

As the familiar line from the Sound of Music says, "Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start." As we read the opening chapter of God's great self-revelation, we need to slow down and notice a few things that we often take for granted. First, the very title of this book is "Genesis." This word comes from the greek language and fittingly, means Origins or Beginnings. What's so noteworthy about that? Well, we often forget that this is not the beginning, but our beginning. The eternal Creator of the universe existed long before we showed up. That distinction matters because we need to keep things in the right perspective. He does not exist for us; we exist for Him. The next thing to notice is that creation was a triune operation. All 3 persons of the Trinity were active in this great work. Third, we should note that careful attention is given in this text to making sure we know that everything is orderly and purposeful. God did not create on a whim. By His great wisdom He made the stripes on the bees and the petals on the flowers. As for us, we can hardly get off the first page before we see the answer to life's biggest question. Why am I here? We are here to "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it". Man and woman were made to be God's physical representatives to all of creation. That is what it means to be made in the image of God, and that is why sin is such a crime. It misrepresents the perfect, holy God in whose image we have been created. Lastly, let's make note of His assessment of this work. "It was very good". He enjoyed the beauty and intricacy of His work. We know that this is not going to last long. In just a couple chapters everything will go wrong, but we also know that the story only begins here. There is plenty of hope on the horizon. This is only the beginning.

**We now live in a fallen world, which we'll learn more about next week. But that reality doesn't change God's purpose for us. The creation mandate in v. 26-28 still stands. What does obeying that mandate look like in your life?**



### Who does God show Himself to be?

God is eternal. He has always been. There never was a time when He was not. In fact it's hard to even fathom that statement because God created time itself. If thinking about that makes your brain hurt, then you're doing it right. To make it even more amazing, this doesn't just apply to eternity past, it applies to the future too. God knows the future because it is just as present to Him as this moment is to you. In Isaiah 46:10 it says that, "He makes known the end from the beginning".

The implications for this are huge. Read John 1:1-14 and Colossians 1:17. God is the only Creator, but Jesus is described here as being the agent of creation. How can that be? Because God is 3 in 1!



### Where is the Good News in this passage?

It will be good again. We know that this world, while still full of God's glory, is no longer perfect - far from it. But the good news is that it will be once again. Jesus, God's Son, the second person of the trinity came and bore the curse of our sin upon His own back. Because He Himself was sinless, the grave could not hold Him and on the third day He rose again. But that's not all. His death and resurrection have made a way for all things to be made new again. If you are in Christ, you are already a partaker of the beginning of that new creation. He's begun this work in you!



### Catechizing our hearts and minds

- Q.** Who made you?
- A.** God made me.
- Q.** What else did God make?
- A.** God made all things.

\* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

### Pray for the nations




**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Marathi

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism

**POPULATION**  
31,159,000

#### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Pray that the Mahratta people can find hope and receive the free gift of the gospel.
- ◆ Pray for God to turn the Mahratta people away from worshipping false idols.
- ◆ Mahrattas are part of the upper rural class; the majority of families own land and raise farm crops. As a result, they look down upon people they consider as not their equal. Pray that Mahrattas can experience God's love and grace.



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### Keys for the kids

- God is eternal.
- God created everything out of nothing.
- Because He is the Creator, He makes the rules.

### Weekly Key Verse:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

# We all fell in Adam

Week of SEPTEMBER 18th



Season 1

Unit 1

Week 2

Passages

Genesis 3

Romans 6:23

Exodus 34:6-7

## Read Genesis 3

Death, disease, war, hatred, depression, anxiety, broken relationships and whatever else you can imagine that plagues us as individuals or as humanity in general; all of these things are not natural. This is a little counter-intuitive. We've all heard something to the effect of "death is just a natural part of life".

But that's not true. There is nothing natural about any of these things. These were not part of the natural order. So why do we experience them? Well, the good Sunday School answer is "because of sin". This is true, but it doesn't go far enough. We experience these things not just because we live in a fallen world, but because we live in a world under the judgment of God. He pronounced judgment upon His creation as a result of Adam's sin. Adam was the caretaker of the world and the representative of the human race. His disobedience brought judgement upon everything that was entrusted to him. It's easy to use the phrase "fallen world" because that sounds pretty benign. It has the ring of "that's just the way it is" to it. But the reality is, the world is fallen because Adam's sin brought the just judgement of God upon it.

**Does it make you uncomfortable to think that the world isn't just fallen, but that it is under the judgement of God even now?**

**Do you tend to view this broken world as if "that's just the way it is?"**



## Who does God show Himself to be?

God is just. Read Romans 6:23 and Exodus 34:6-7. Death, which includes all of the brokenness in our world, was the just penalty for sin. God does not wink at sin. He does not forgive simply because He is a loving God. If He did, He would not be just. Imagine a judge who let a mass murderer go free just because that judge was a nice guy. He might be a nice guy, but we would certainly not call him just. God does forgive, but He forgives because the full penalty that His justice requires was satisfied in the offering of Christ. We should be burdened for those who still live under that judgement because their judgement will continue through eternity.



## Where is the Good News in this passage?

This is a familiar story to most of us. We read this story and see the entry of sin into the world, but we sometimes miss that this story also shows us the entry of sin into the very spiritual DNA of all who would ever be born of Adam. Adam was created not only to be the first of the human race, but also to be the representative of the human race. The Bible speaks of us as being "in Adam" prior to putting our faith in Christ. Once we do come to Jesus, we are then described as being "in Christ". If we are in Adam, he is our representative before God. We share in his nature and legal status - that status is death and condemnation. That is why we can never earn our way to God. Sin isn't just about what we do, it's about what we are. That's the bad news. The good news is that all of those same things are true of being in Christ. If we are in Christ, He is our representative before the Father, we share in His nature and His legal status - perfectly righteous and justified!



## Catechizing our hearts and minds

**Q:** What effect did Adam's sin have on you and all people?

**A:** *We are all born guilty and sinful.*

**Q:** How then can we be made right with God?

**A:** *I can be made right with God through trusting in Jesus and receiving His righteousness.*

\* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

## Pray for the nations



**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Hindi

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism

**POPULATION**  
11,933,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Pray for Indian believers to build friendships with the Nai and tell them about the Savior.
- ◆ Pray for a disciple-making movement that will bless the Nai people this decade.
- ◆ Many Nai do not know how to read. Pray for access to biblical audio materials and for God to lead the Nai to listen to Christian radio programs in their languages.



Prayercast

## Keys for the kids

- Because Adam sinned, we all sin.
- God is just.
- Because Jesus is righteous, we can be counted righteous.

## Weekly Key Verse:

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Romans 5:19

# God's justice and mercy

Week of SEPTEMBER 25th



Season 1

Unit 1

Week 3

Passages

Genesis 6:1-7:1 & Genesis 8:1-13

Exodus 34:6-7

Hebrews 11:7

## Read Genesis 6:1-7:1 and Genesis 8:1-13

If there were a top 5 Sunday School lessons that we get wrong, this story would certainly be on it. Many of us have heard or taught this story countless times. It is an extremely common experience to come away from it thinking that Noah was the only one who was not a sinner, or that God decided on a “redo” or any number of things that miss the real point of the passage. What’s really happening in this story is that God is showing us a few very specific things. First, we see that sin is serious. It wasn’t unjust for God to destroy all those living creatures, it was perfect justice. Second, we see that God is merciful. He is merciful not only in saving Noah and his family, but also in removing the sin from the earth. God restrains sin, even today, even in our own lives as an act of mercy. Third, we see the amazing doctrine of justification by faith. Noah believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness, just like Abraham will in the next lesson. And lastly, we see the ark as a picture of Jesus. Peter tells us that these waters represent judgement. Just as we enter into Christ to flee from the wrath to come, so Noah and his family did. And my favorite part, God sealed the door. That picture of our security in Christ is amazing in and of itself.

**It’s hard for us to see the wrath and judgment of God as a good thing. We often struggle with this because we do not see sin as it really is. Sin is the single most destructive force in the universe. When we see sin as such, we will rejoice in seeing its removal. We will understand God’s judgement as both justice and mercy. If you struggle with this, spend a moment in prayer and ask the Lord to help you see sin as He sees it. He will not only answer that prayer, but He will help you to appreciate His mercy towards you in doing so.**



### Who does God show Himself to be?

God is merciful. Read one of our passages from last week again, Exodus 34:6-7. We used this passage to point out the justice of God. Here we also see the mercy of God. It's noteworthy that God speaks of His forgiveness before His judgement. Not that one is more important than the other. God is perfectly just and merciful always and at the same time. But the idea that comes from the order of the passage is one of extended mercy first, and then judgement for those that reject it. God's mercy is a description of who He is, not just what He does. God is not merciful because He forgives; He forgives because He is merciful.



### Where is the Good News in this passage?

Read Hebrews 11:7. Noah was a righteous man. What does that mean? It can't mean that he was sinless, because the Bible tells us that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God. So, does it mean that he was just less sinful than everyone else? It can't mean that either because the Bible also tells us that breaking the Law in one part makes us guilty of breaking the entire Law. Noah was made righteous by faith in the promise of a Messiah. If you have placed your faith in Christ, God says the same of you. You are a righteous man or woman. You were made righteous by faith in the One who took your just penalty for you. He took your sin on Himself and put His perfect righteousness on you.



### Catechizing our hearts and minds

**Q:** What is justification?

**A:** *The act of God counting us as righteous because we trust in Jesus.*

\* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

### Pray for the nations



**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Hindi

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism

**POPULATION**  
45,611,000

#### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Pray for the Rajput community to grow increasingly in awareness of Jesus and their need for Him.
- ◆ Pray that the Lord will give Rajputs a spiritual hunger and satisfy that hunger.
- ◆ Pray that Rajputs will understand the value of becoming a part of God's royal family.



Prayercast

### Keys for the kids

- God saved Noah and his family.
- God is merciful.
- Noah was counted as righteous because he trusted God.

### Weekly Key Verse:

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household.  
Hebrews 11:7a

# The promise

Week of OCTOBER 2nd



Season 1

Unit 1

Week 4

Passages

Genesis 12:1-9

Galatians 3:7-9

Romans 4:20-21

Psalms 89:8

Psalms 25:1

## Read Genesis 12:1-9

About 400 years after the flood, God begins to zero His story in on one man. Abraham was singled out by God to be the man through whom the promised savior would come. Like some of the other passages we've read, we often think of Abraham as just another story in the Old Testament. What is amazing though, is that the story of Abraham is really where the Gospel starts unfolding. Up to this point we have only received a cryptic promise in Gen. 3:15 and a picture of salvation in the story of Noah's ark. Now in this passage, we see how God is starting to work all of this out in real time. Abraham found favor with God and was counted as righteous, not by his sinlessness but by his faith, just like Noah and just like us (see Galatians 3:7-9). God made Abraham some very specific promises that all related to His grand plan to make all things new one day. All of these promises have a physical fulfillment in the people of Israel and a spiritual fulfillment in the work of Christ. He promised Abraham many descendants, a land for his descendants, personal blessing to Abraham, and that through his descendants all the nations would be blessed. That blessing to the nations is Jesus! When we look at Abraham's story we need to come away with a couple things. We should marvel at God's faithfulness and we should aim to emulate Abraham's simple faith. Abraham had no idea that the Son of God would be the culmination of all of God's promises to him. Abraham simply believed to the extent that He understood.

**Are you waiting for more understanding in order to trust God, or are you trusting Him while you wait for that understanding?**



### Who does God show Himself to be?

God is faithful. Read Romans 4:20-21, Psalm 89:8, and Psalm 25:1. We hear the word “faithful” quite often in christian songs, sermons, and other christian contexts. But the word itself is full of meaning that the english language just can’t express. It means trustworthy and true but it carries the idea of steadiness, steadfastness, something firm and sure. When we confess that God is faithful, we are saying that He is immovable in character, that He will always do what He says He will do and that He will do it with the utmost attention and perfection.

Think of the many promises that God has made to you in scripture. Do you look to Him to fulfill those promises with that kind of assurance? You can.



### Where is the Good News in this passage?

Jesus was not Plan B. We’re still in the first book of the Bible and we can already see how God’s wise plan is setting the stage for the revealing of His Son. Take comfort today in knowing that if you are in Christ, it's not because you just stumbled upon God’s best attempt to fix things. You were in His mind when He made this promise to Abraham. Through faith in Jesus, you are a descendant of Abraham and an heir according to these promises. (Gal. 3:29)



### Catechizing our hearts and minds

**Q:** How does God make sure that all of His promises are kept?

**A:** *God is able to make sure that all of His promises are kept because He rules over all creation.*

\* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

## Pray for the nations



**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Hindi

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism

**POPULATION**  
18,839,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Pray that the Holy Spirit would anoint Teli community leaders and lead them to open the doors for their people to follow Jesus.
- ◆ Pray that believers will reach out to this people group with the blessings of Christ.
- ◆ Pray for the Lord to raise up Teli believers who will disciple others and begin the process of starting a disciple-making movement among this people group.



Prayercast

### Keys for the kids

- God is faithful.
- Jesus was not Plan B.
- God is sovereign.

### Weekly Key Verse:

For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”  
Romans 4:3

# God uses broken people

Week of OCTOBER 9th



Season 1

Unit 1

Week 5

Passages

Genesis 25:21-23, 27:1-29

2 Timothy 2:13

Ephesians 2:8-9

## Read Genesis 25:21-23, 27:1-29

Here in our passage this week, we begin to see God's promises being fulfilled in some unusual ways. Well, they seem unusual, but really what we read in this chapter is a scenario that is not too hard to imagine at all. Here, we see parents showing favoritism. We see followers of God trying to bring about God's plan in their own strength. We see sibling rivalry, dishonesty, and treachery. We see these things every day in our own lives and in the world around us. What should give us pause is our misconception that God only uses our obedient actions to fulfill His promises and bring about His plans. When we consider that God uses everything, even our sins to accomplish His purposes it illuminates a few things for us. First, we realize that "God can draw a straight line with a crooked stick". This is encouraging for us in those moments when we really feel like we've blown it. We can take heart in knowing that God knows our weaknesses, and while He doesn't condone our sins, He uses them for His glory and our good nonetheless. He grants us repentance and humbles us by showing us how incapable we are apart from Him. Second, it causes us to be more willing to step out in faith to do things for God. When you remove the stumbling block of the fear of failure, we are capable of so much more. Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau all show their faults in this story. While they should have been obedient, as should we, they messed up. But God had a plan that He promised to complete. To bring the savior through the line of Abraham and even their sins couldn't stop it.

**Even your mistakes will not stop God's faithfulness.**

**"Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful for He cannot deny Himself." – 2 Timothy 2:13**



## Who does God show Himself to be?

God is omniscient. This is just a technical word that means “all knowing”. God never learns. He is never surprised. He is never unsure. Not only does He know all things, but He knows them all perfectly and at all times. He knew all that this family in our story would do wrong when He made His promises and He made them anyway. The same goes for you. We are to strive to please God, but when we fail we can take comfort in the fact that God has never bought a “lemon”. He knew what you were when He bought you.



## Where is the Good News in this passage?

God saves us by His grace and grace alone. We don't deserve it and we could never earn it. As Jonathan Edwards once said, “You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary.”

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”  
Ephesians 2:8-9



## Catechizing our hearts and minds

**Q:** What is the grace of God

**A:** *Grace is God's unmerited favor, given freely by Him to all who are in Christ.*

\* For younger kids, spreading the catechism across several weeks may be more effective.

## Pray for the nations



**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Hindi

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism

**POPULATION**  
58,642,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Pray for the salvation of the Yadav people and for missionaries to pioneer new ministries among them.
- ◆ Pray for literacy and community development work.
- ◆ Pray for the practice of child labor to end and for education to be made available to all children, especially girls.



Prayercast

## Keys for the kids

- God uses broken people.
- God is all knowing.
- God saves us by His grace.

## Weekly Key Verse:

If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 2:13

# Providence

Week of OCTOBER 16th



Season 1

Unit 1

Week 6

Passages

Genesis 45:1-15

1 John 4:8

Isaiah 55:7

## Read Genesis 45:1-15

Hopefully, it is becoming clear that these key passages which many of us have learned about so many times are less like individual movies and more like episodes in a series. They are individual stories, but not independent stories. All of these characters are playing a role in a bigger drama that is slowly unfolding. In this passage we meet Joseph. Joseph was another favorite, just like we saw with Jacob and Esau. And just like with those two brothers, this example of favoritism caused some serious family dysfunction. Joseph's brothers grew to hate him so much that they conspired to kill him. He ended up on a rollercoaster ride of trial after trial. He went from being sold into slavery to being falsely accused of grievous sin. He was then thrown into prison, only to become the second most powerful man in the greatest empire of the day. One lesson we draw from this story is similar to last week - that God uses evil for good, but the thing we want to make note of today is something called "typology". Typology is a form of symbolism that is all through the Old Testament. We see hints or shadows of Jesus in various Biblical characters. Throughout the Old Testament God placed these shadows to direct the hearts and minds of His people toward the coming Savior. Joseph is one of those types. It's important to note, that all of Joseph's actions are not to be seen like this, but certain elements qualify. The biggest parallels in Joseph's story are that he was hated by his people, he was punished for crimes that were not his own, he victoriously arose to a status of power, and he used that power to protect his people and offer forgiveness to the very ones responsible for his pain and troubles.

**We learn the power of love and forgiveness from Joseph's story. But that love and forgiveness only has power because it is a reflection of the nature and character of God. God does not want us to see how great of a man Joseph was. He wants us to see how He reveals His Son in the story of Joseph.**



### Who does God show Himself to be?

God is love. Regarding human relationships I've heard people say something to the effect of "the word love just gets thrown around so much that it has lost its meaning". That may be true of the word love in that context, but I think it is infinitely more true of the word love in the context of this verse. Everyone likes to think of God as being "love", so long as they get to define what love means. If it means He accepts me for who I am and doesn't judge me or require anything of me then I'm totally on board! Unfortunately, that's not how God defines love, and He is the one who has the prerogative of defining it. God's love is not separate from His other attributes. His justice, His holiness, or His perfection. All of these are His attributes at the same time. That means, that God is still love when He judges and punishes sin. We need to define love the way that God defines it. 1 Corinthians 13 is a good place to start. God's love warns us, commands us to repent, and saves us. His love does not always manifest itself the way we would like it to, but always in the way that is best for us. Read 1 John 4:8, then 1 John 2:4-6



### Where is the Good News in this passage?

Just like we see in the lives of Joseph's brothers, repentance brings forgiveness and restoration. God's love does not leave us in our sin, it calls us out of it.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7



### Catechizing our hearts and minds

**Q:** What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A:** Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

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### Pray for the nations



**LOCATION**  
Turkey

**LANGUAGE**  
Turkish

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
56,199,000

#### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that churches and mission organizations will accept the challenge of reaching the Turks.
- ♦ Ask God to give Turkish believers and key leaders among the Turks boldness to share the gospel with their own people.
- ♦ Pray that Turkey will avoid both ethnic strife (especially with the Kurds) and resurgent Muslim fundamentalism.



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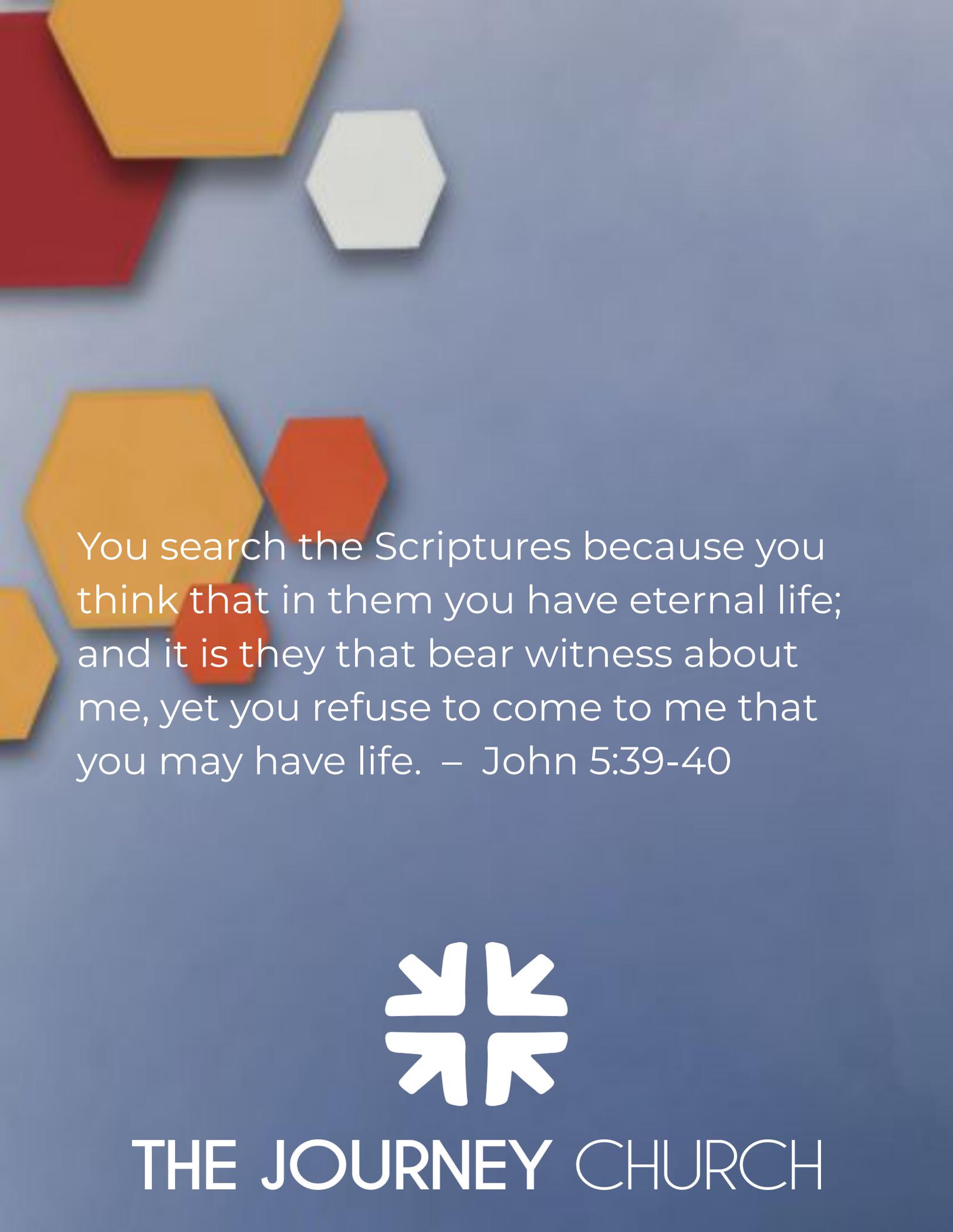
### Keys for the kids

- HIStory always foreshadows Jesus.
- God is love.
- Repentance brings forgiveness and restoration.

### Weekly Key Verse:

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. – John 5:39-40



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