

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: MY CHORES



IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week's lesson: Today we talked about chores, and doing our work for the Lord. God wants us to have a positive attitude about work. It makes the work go easier, and it helps us to shine God's light on others when we do it with a cheerful spirit.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real: Take note if the kids take a different attitude in their work this week. Call less attention to their negative reactions (don't jump on them and judge them), but call more attention to when they do behave cheerfully.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- How does God want us to do work?
- Do you ever see us (Mom and Dad) acting in a less than cheerful manner when we do chores? (Don't be defensive about their answers!)
- Why is it sometimes hard to keep a cheerful attitude when we do chores?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:
"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." - 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)



PARENT TIME:

Kids learn best, not from Sunday School, but from their parents. Ask God to help you set the example doing chores, work from home, and any other tasks that may fall on you. Remember, you are working for the Lord as well!

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THIS WEEK'S LESSON: MY WORDS



IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week's lesson: Today we talked about what the Bible says about words. God wants us to use words for good, but we've all used words to lie and hurt others. We need to tame our tongues - and our texting fingers - so that we will not use our words to hurt others.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real: See if you can catch the kids - or yourself - using harsh words without thinking. Stop. Pause. Talk about why it's tempting to use angry words, and how you can tame your tongue in those moments. A positive application of the same exercise is to catch your child saying something kind, and to praise him for it when you hear it.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- How often do you hear people using words to hurt others at school?
- How does it make you feel when people say harsh words to you?
- How can we set an example for others by taming our tongues?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

How wild is your tongue at work? With your family? Or when you are watching sports? Stop, pause, and think before you speak. Set the example by showing your kids that even you need to get a handle on your tongue.

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THIS WEEK'S LESSON: MY SIBLINGS



IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week's lesson: Today we learned what the Bible says about our siblings. God is so passionate about wanting us to get along with our families - including our church family - he says that we need to settle any problems with our siblings before we come to worship God. God gave us our families, and he wants us to love them and live at peace with them.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Keep an eye out for some time when the kids are getting along. Praise their cooperation, and remind them what they learned about God giving us the siblings we have.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What does God say about getting along with our brothers and sisters?
- Why do you think God put us - our family - together?
- What are some of the great things you all share in common?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

How long has it been since you talked to your brother or sister? Reach out and call them this week, and let them know you love them.

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THIS WEEK'S LESSON: MY PARENTS



IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week's lesson: Today we learned that the Bible says to honor our parents. God gave us parents to protect us and help us grow into safe, wise people. They have a hard job, and they deserve our honor and our love.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

When you have to say "No," this week, don't leave it at no. Sit down and help the kids understand why it's a no. Share the consequences you want them to avoid, and share any lessons you learned the hard way.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

This week let the kids ask you the questions!

- What's the hardest thing about being a parent?
- What's the one thing that surprised you the most about being a mom or dad?
- How can we kids help you do a better job?



AT BEDTIME:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

The Bible tells children to obey their parents. It also tells parents not to exasperate their children, but to guide them with love and compassion. Ask God to make you a more compassionate, loving parent. You're going to need all the compassion you can get as they approach adolescence!