

FAMILY CHALLENGE - DAY 3

PARENTS, TODAY WE LEARNED THE BIBLE STORY ABOUT PETER'S CONFESSION. PETER CONFESSED THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH, THE CHOSEN ONE WHO WOULD DELIVER US FROM SIN. THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT MOMENT BECAUSE PETER WAS NOT ONLY CONFESSING HIS FAITH TO JESUS HIMSELF, BUT HE ALSO WAS PUBLICLY CONFESSING IN FRONT OF THE OTHER DISCIPLES.

IT CAN BE SCARY FOR KIDS TO BE OPEN ABOUT THEIR FAITH BECAUSE THEY ARE TOLD IN SO MANY OF THEIR SOCIAL CIRCLES THAT THEY SHOULD KEEP THEIR BELIEFS TO THEMSELVES. YOU WILL HELP YOUR KIDS PREPARE TO DEFEND THEIR FAITH IF YOU:

- 1. HELP THEM BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THEY BELIEVE.**
- 2. ENCOURAGE THEM TO NOT FEAR PERSECUTION OR ISOLATION FOR THEIR FAITH.**

TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO ASK A FEW SIMPLE QUESTIONS LIKE:

- WHO DO YOU BELIEVE GOD IS?**
- WHO DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS IS?**
- WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? (1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4)**
- WHY DOES JESUS WANT US TO FOLLOW HIM? (LUKE 9:23)**
- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?**

IT'S OK IF KIDS DON'T HAVE A FULLY FORMED FAITH OR IF THEY STRUGGLE TO ARTICULATE IT CLEARLY. IT'S EVEN OK IF YOU, AS A PARENT, AREN'T CLEAR ON ALL OF THIS OR IF YOU ARE JUST BEGINNING TO EXPLORE WHAT YOU BELIEVE. DISCUSSING THESE THINGS AS A FAMILY AND ENCOURAGING YOUR KIDS TO PROCESS, EVEN OUT LOUD OCCASIONALLY, WILL BE FAITH STRENGTHENING. SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR FAMILY ARE WONDERFUL DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCES.

TAKE SOME TIME TO LOOK UP THE FOLLOWING VERSES TOGETHER. HELP YOUR KIDS FIND THESE VERSES IN THEIR OWN BIBLE OR ON THEIR DEVICE. REMEMBER TO SHARE THESE VERSES WITH YOUR KIDS OFTEN TO ENCOURAGE THEM WHEN DEFENDING THEIR FAITH IS HARD:

- ROMANS 1:16**
- ISAIAH 41:10**
- ISAIAH 43:2**
- DEUTERONOMY 31:6**

