Ready, Set, Move: Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere!

PARENT GUIDE
Preteen



First, watch this week's video!

Faith: Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

Memory Verse

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." Ephesians 2:8 NIrV

Bible Story

Heaven Revelation 21:3-5a

Key Question

What do you think heaven will be like?

Use this guide to help your family learn about faith.

Activity

It's Going to Be All Right

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game.

Read the various conflict scenarios from famous stories and see if your child can remember how the conflict was resolved.

Say, "I'll read some situations from famous stories that were NOT all right. Let's see if you can remember how they were made right in the end."

Conflict scenarios:

- Ariel trades her voice to become a human so she can be with her beloved Prince Eric. But then he doesn't recognize her without her voice. (Answer: Prince Eric ends up defeating the evil sea queen Ursula, which breaks the curse she placed on Ariel. Ariel's father, Triton, sees how much his daughter loves Eric, and decides to turn her into a human forever.)
- Mirabel is the only one in her family who doesn't receive a special gift and feels like she is a disappointment to everyone. (Answer: It turns out that Mirabel IS the gift that helps mend her family's home, as well as their relationships with each other.)
- Two kids are stuck inside on a rainy day, and they let a unique cat into the house who makes a gigantic mess. (Answer: The Cat in the Hat brings various forms of entertainment for the kids, and he cleans up the entire mess right before their mother returns home.)



Talk About the Bible Story

What do you think heaven will be like?

What do we know about heaven from John's vision as described in Revelation? (There will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain; see Revelation 21:4)

How can we know that heaven is real? (We can read in Scripture; see Jesus' words in John 5:24)

How does it make you feel to know that God has prepared a place for us to spend forever together?

How can believing in heaven make our faith stronger?

Parent: Share about a time when everything was not all right. Then, tell your child how knowing heaven is real gives you hope no matter what is happening in your life.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You so much for the hope we have in heaven. No matter how hard things are here on earth, we can have hope because one day we will live with You forever in heaven. We love You so much! In Jesus' name we pray, amen."