

Devotion 3 Following God's Commands

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 24-25

Question for everyone: What helps you remember things? Do you write it down on a sticky note? Write it on your hand? Put a notification on your phone? Make up a song?

Say: In our Bible reading today, we are going to look at some of the verses from the Old Testament before Jesus came to see why it is important for us to follow what God tells us to do. The Bible reading that we heard in worship this past weekend shared about how Jesus did not give into temptation and our verses today talk about what is good about following God and not giving into temptation.

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 24-25

After reading the text, draw what you think it looks like to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength (from verse 5).

When everyone is done drawing, talk about everyone's pictures and point out similarities or differences between the pictures.

Say: God wants us to always love Him and put Him first in our lives. Do we always follow what God tells us to do? (Discuss as a family)

Say: We can never follow everything that God tells us to do, even when we try our best. But, even though we mess up and don't listen to what God tells us to do, He sent Jesus to save us!

Read Romans 3:19-26

Say: God wants us to love Him with our whole heart, soul, and strength but He knows that we will forget to do this and to mess up. He wants us to write this down, talk about it, and remember it everywhere we go but He also knows we can't do this because we sin. The verses we just read show us that because we believe in Jesus, we are forgiven! Earlier this week, we heard that Jesus said no to sinning. Because Jesus did not sin, we know that He has made us perfect in God's sight too!

Now look at the Discussion Questions together.

After you do the discussion questions, pray together. Thank God for sending Jesus to be perfect when we can't be. Ask that God would help us to always love Him with all of our heart, soul, and strength. Pray for any needs and requests of your family members.