

NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online was all about **FAITH, COURAGE & INTEGRITY**.

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

Be encouraged at this time that you, the parents, are **THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN YOUR CHILDREN'S WORLD**. You can set an example for your children of 'FAITH', 'COURAGE', and 'INTEGRITY'.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them when it comes to the 'Ask' points, don't rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church
God bless you!

Family Ice Breaker – Actions are Louder than Words

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

"Actions are louder than words" game of charades.

1. Write the following phrases on scraps of paper and put them in a cup: praying, reading the Bible, worshipping God, singing praise, helping others, telling someone about Jesus, love, joy, peace, memorising Scripture verses, delivering food to a sick person, giving someone water (and so on – anything else you can think of).
2. Draw out and act out - Go up one at a time, draw out a piece of paper from the cup, and act it out without talking or making any sounds. Have the rest of the family guess the phrase or word.
3. Discussion - Once all the papers are gone (or time is up), have children discuss how "Actions speak louder than words" is an idea that can apply to our faith. Talk about how believing one thing and doing another is not a good example of our faith, and how when we live out what we say we believe we please God and are an example of faith and integrity to others.

[Integrity = the ability to act in ways that always shows our good values and beliefs, and to always do what is right even when no one is watching. Integrity takes courage, honesty, and respect for God, self, and others.]

Today's Scripture Reference - Daniel 6

1. Read through the chapter for yourself.
2. Retell the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den in your own words.
3. Read the key verses you especially want your children to know.
4. Watch online the full SUPERBOOK episode called A Roaring Rescue
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UNBtaVsWm4>





The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Topic introduction:

Say: God has made you amazing just the way you are. He has put gifts and talents on the inside of you.

Ask: What gifts and talents do you think God has given you?

Memory Verse Challenge 1:

Psalms 139:14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Memory Verse Challenge 2:

Psalms 56:3 "When I am afraid, I will trust you."

Discussion:

Ask: Have you ever been afraid of what others might think of you, so you try to change who you are to fit in?

Say: God has called you to have integrity. Integrity is when you are the same person no matter what's going on. You act the same whether people are watching you or not. A person with integrity doesn't change who they are to please people. A person with integrity is true to themselves, and stands up for what they believe in.

Say: A person with integrity wants to please God more than pleasing people.

Ask: Can you think of a time when you have acted with integrity?

[praise them for their acts of integrity]

Ask: Shall we as a family now agree to be people of integrity?

[look for a YES response]

Say after me 1:

"WE DON'T CHANGE WHO WE ARE TO PLEASE PEOPLE".

Say after me 2:

"WE STAND UP FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN"

Say after me 3:

"WE ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING EVEN WHEN NO ONE ELSE IS WATCHING"

Let's pray!

Begin your prayer with: "Dear Heavenly Father..."

Pray with your kids that you will all have faith and courage like Daniel and that you will be able to live a life of FAITH, COURAGE, and INTEGRITY.

Finish your prayer with: "...in Jesus' Name, Amen!"

Let's Play Again!

Play the Ice Breaker Game (again) – the kids will have a deeper understanding of the meaning now. Have fun!

