



TASTE & SEE
THAT THE LORD IS GOOD!
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NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD!**

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.

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 so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not 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 - Taste test!

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

Today we saw Ps Luke being given a taste test by his daughter Alicia. He was able to guess what he was tasting. Some things he liked, and some things he did not like.

You might like to do your own family taste test challenge at home.

Otherwise, you could just share with each other what you think is the best tasting (favorite) food of all time and worst tasting food of all time.

Whatever you do - have fun!

Today's Scripture Memory Verses

1. *Read each Scripture out loud as they come up in MAIN IDEAS (discussion)* - in the Amplified (AMP) version, the Message (MSG) version, and the New Living Translation (NLT) version - to gain a good understanding of the Scripture. Don't rush.

2. *Choose which version of each Scripture to repeat & recite* - now and this week at mealtimes.

Psalm 34:8

(AMP) O taste and see that the LORD [our God] is good; How blessed [fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God] is the man who takes refuge [runs to Him and trusts] in Him.

(MSG) Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see - how good GOD is. Blessed are you who run to him.

(NLT) Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

Psalm 133:1 and 3

(AMP) Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

(MSG) How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! ...Yes, that's where GOD commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.

(NLT) How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! ...And there the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

Matthew 4:4

(AMP) But Jesus replied, "It is written *and* forever remains written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.'"

(MSG) Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth."

(NLT) But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



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The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Discussion introduction:

Say: Today we have been learning about how God is GOOD! We have been talking about that; using the idea that when we taste good food and we like what we have tasted, we want more of it. When we experience the goodness of God, we want more of God and His goodness. When we experience His love, we want more of His love.

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:8 [turn the page over to step 1 of Today's Scripture Memory Verses]

Say: Repeat after me: Taste and see that the LORD is good.

Ask: Have you ever tried a new and interesting food and really enjoyed it?

If yes, ask: What was it? Did you want more? Did you want to tell people about it? Who did you tell?

Say: The ancient rabbis (teachers in Israel, before Jesus was born) always said a prayer before they ate, to thank God for their food. God created our bodies, and he created our taste buds, and He created the food that we like to eat. He created the herbs and spices that make things taste amazing.

Ask: Do you say grace (thank God for your meal)?

Say: The ancient rabbis did more than thank God for their meal before they ate... they spoke about the goodness of God during their meal... and then after their meal they prayed to say thank you again, and they quoted the verse we just read "taste and see that the LORD is good!" They thanked God for PROVIDING the meal. They thanked God for the ENJOYMENT of the meal. They thanked God for the promise of MORE meals to come.

Ask: We should always be thankful to God and the person who prepares our meals - have you ever finished a meal that you really enjoyed and thanked the person who prepared it?

Say: God didn't just make food enjoyable to eat, he made food nourishing for our bodies (good for us). He knows exactly what our bodies need and he made the food to match. God made eating good food enjoyable, not just for how it tastes and how healthy it makes us feel, but as something to do together. Back in the Bible days when 3 or more men who had eaten together finished their meal they said a very special prayer/blessing called the 'Zimmum' which means 'invitation'. They invited each other to say the blessing, and they agreed with each other by VERY LOUDLY saying 'Amen!' which means 'let it be so'. They were inviting a blessing for their bodies, themselves in their own lives, and for each other. They were inviting the goodness of God that they had experienced together over the meal to remain with them, and to come to them, more and more. As the men ate and agreed together, they believed they had feasted on God's food, God's word, and God's goodness and so they had eaten both 'food' and 'joy'. Their time with God together had tasted as good as the meal they had together.

Say: It is like that for us when we read our Bible, worship, and pray with other people (like in a Bible study, at church, at friendship group, in Kidmania, and when we talk with other people who love God about the things of God).

Memory Verse: Psalm 133:1 & 3 [turn the page over to step 1 of Today's Scripture Memory Verses]

Say: Repeat after me: How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! ...Yes, that's where GOD commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.

Memory Verse: Matthew 4:4 [turn the page over to step 1 of Today's Scripture Memory Verses]

Say: Repeat after me: It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth.

Say: These are the words of Jesus, who was a rabbi (teacher of Israel) too. He is our teacher, and He is our God. When we read the Bible we are reading what He wants to teach us. When we read the Bible we are having a spiritual meal. We feel filled up on the inside - not in our stomach, but in our hearts and minds and our spirit (the deepest parts of us). Just like the ancient rabbis Jesus taught that when people gathered together in His name and feasted on His word, and agreed on God's goodness, that they would be very blessed and that God would listen to them and give them what they asked for (if that was part of God's will/plan). Being together and inviting God to be with us is so good and satisfying (fills us up with joy).

Ask: What is your favorite story in the Bible?

Ask: What is your favorite thing about church, Kidmania, friendship group, worship, and mealtimes?

Say: Reading the word (our Bible which is spiritual bread), praying (telling God what is on our hearts and minds, telling God how much we love Him, asking God for wisdom and help, asking God to bless us and others, and listening for God to tell us things in our minds and in our hearts), worshipping God (keeping Him in our thoughts, doing what His word says, and singing songs) is like having a spiritual meal. Doing it with others is like having a spiritual feast! It is good, and it is so good we want more of it, and we want to share it with others.

Let's Pray!

Dear Heavenly Father... we thank You that we are so loved by You. We thank You that You want to spend time with us, and that You want us to spend time with You. We invite You into our hearts and minds, and our lives. You are good and we want more of You and Your goodness... in Jesus' Name, Amen!