



KEEP YOUR LIGHT BURNING!
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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 **KEEP YOUR LIGHT BURNING!**

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 – Keep Your Bucket Full!

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

Today we saw Joshua and Elisha compete in a water game. They each ran laps between their own bucket and the other, taking from the other and delivering it to their own. After a minute, Elisha not only had water in her bucket, she had more water in her bucket than Joshua did, so she was declared the winner.

You might like to play a similar game at home.

You could use buckets with water, and cups, or buckets with other items.

Whatever you do, have fun!



Today's Scripture References – for the discussion, and mealtimes

John 14:1-7 (HCSV)

"Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God, and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And, after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. You know the way that leads to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?" Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. Now that you have known me," he said to them, "you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen Him."

Matthew 25:1-13 (NLT)

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NLT)

For the Lord (Jesus) Himself will come down from Heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Read: Scripture: John 14:1-7

Say: Jesus is amazing! Fully God and fully man. He is our Lord and Savior. He came to earth, showed us what God is like, taught us how to live and love, healed people, and did many other miracles... then He died for our sins, rose again, and went to Heaven. While He is Heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father; the Holy Spirit is with us, helping us. Before Jesus went to Heaven He promised us that He would come back for us, and told us to wait patiently for Him, staying ready, and living the way He taught us to.

Ask: Is Jesus your Lord and Savior?

If NO, ask: Would you like to ask to be your Lord and Savior now? [pray a simple prayer with them helping them to ask Jesus into their heart, and to be their Lord and Savior...ask the question again; now their answer is YES]

If YES, say: He is my Lord and Savior too! Let's have a look at what it will be like when Jesus comes back for us!

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Ask: Are you looking forward to Jesus coming back for you?

If yes, ask: what are you looking forward to the most? [answers will vary – some kids will look forward to being lifted up into the sky/clouds, and other kids will find the thought of this scary – explain that whenever we are with Jesus we feel His perfect love and we are not scared; Jesus will not let us fall and we will not be able to die as we will have our forever heavenly bodies. Some kids will look forward to seeing loved ones who have died. Try not to rush this question if your kids want to talk about it with you.]

Ask: Is it hard to wait patiently?

Say: There were other people in a story Jesus told who found it hard to wait too.

Ask: Who were they? [the ten Bridesmaids / Virgins]

Read: Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Say: The ten bridesmaids fell asleep, didn't they? There were 5 wise bridesmaids and 5 foolish bridesmaids. The wise bridesmaids stayed ready for Jesus and the foolish bridesmaids didn't. The foolish bridesmaids wanted the wise bridesmaids to share their oil with them, at the last minute, but the wise bridesmaids said they would not.

Ask: What did you think of that story? [some kids will say they wise bridesmaids should have shared their oil. That's OK...]

Say: The wise bridesmaids could not share their oil because it is not really just about oil...there is a deeper meaning in this story (called a parable). The wise bridesmaids had faith and love for Jesus, and they spent time with the Holy Spirit. The foolish bridesmaids didn't have their own faith and love for Jesus, and did not spend time with the Holy Spirit. The wise bridesmaids knew that they could only believe and be faithful for themselves. We each have to have our own faith in Jesus, and love for Him, and spend time with Him. No one else can do this for us. Mums and dad can't believe for their kids too, only themselves. Kids need to have their very own faith, and love for Jesus.

Ask: Do you believe in Jesus? Do you love Jesus? Do you want to spend time with Him and the Holy Spirit?

Say: If you do...then you have your own oil. You are ready for Jesus. You need to stay ready for Jesus. Jesus wants us to keep our light burning for Him. This can be hard while we wait for Him.

Ask: How will we do this?

Say: We can keep ourselves encouraged while we wait. We can remember that Jesus always, always keeps His promises and He has promised to come back. And while we wait we can live the plans God has for us.

Say: We can stay ready for Jesus by loving Jesus and obeying Him. We show our love for God by reading His word (in the Bible) and doing what it says.

Say: We can spend time with people who love Jesus too. We do this with friends, family, and church.

Say: We can spend time hanging out with the Holy Spirit. He is always with us; we just need to notice Him and talk with Him.

Sum up:

Say: Say after me:

- * I have my own faith and love for Jesus
- * Jesus is coming back for me.
- * Jesus wants me to keep my light burning for Him.
- * I will keep myself encouraged while I wait.
- * I will stay ready for Jesus... by reading my Bible... by loving Jesus... and obeying Him.
- * I will spend time with people who love Jesus too.
- * I will spend time hanging out with the Holy Spirit.

Let's Pray! Dear Heavenly Father... thank You that You know the day that Jesus will come back for us. Thank You for the light of faith that You have given us. Thank You for your Word (the Bible). Thank You for the Holy Spirit. Help us to be ready for Jesus. Help us to stay ready for Jesus. And, help us to live the life You have planned for us while we patiently wait for Jesus to come back. Thank You that because we believe in Him, He will take us to Heaven with Him, to be with You always, You have a place prepared for us ...in the name of Jesus, Amen!

