



PREPARING THE WAY FOR JESUS!
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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 **PREPARING THE WAY FOR JESUS!**

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 – Preparing the Day!

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

Today we watched as Jess was prepared for the day by her kids.

You might like to play a similar game at home.

You could let your kids do for you, what you would normally do, to be prepared for the day. If you usually lead your family's devotional time; let them. If you usually prepare breakfast; let them (and perhaps supervise 😊). Let them do your hair and makeup.

Whatever you do, have fun!



Today's Bible Passage – Matthew 3:1-16 (NLT)

In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD's coming! Clear the road for him!'" John's clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

For discussion & memorisation at mealtimes this week:

Isaiah 40:3 (AMP)

A voice of one is calling out, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness [remove the obstacles]; Make straight *and* smooth (in the desert) a highway for our God."

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Colossians 4:6 (NLT)

Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Romans 12:8 (NLT)

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Read: Scripture: Isaiah 40:3 - A voice of one is calling out, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness [remove the obstacles]; Make straight *and* smooth (in the desert) a highway for our God."

Say: That is a verse that every Hebrew/Jewish person knew. It is something the prophet Isaiah said about the coming Messiah. They knew, that when they heard those words proclaimed (shouted with authority) that their Messiah was about to come. This made the people very excited. They wanted to make sure they were ready for when He came to them. Their life was very difficult and they knew their lives would be better when He came. Let's read about that.

Matthew 3:1-6 [read from your own Bible or turn over to Scripture section on page 1 to read it]

Ask: What was different about John the Baptist? [he mostly lived alone in the desert, he wore clothes of camel hair, he ate locusts and honey, he preached a message no one else was preaching - get ready, prepare the way for the Lord, and be baptised for the forgiveness of sins - and he was baptising people in the Jordan River]

Ask: Was it a good thing or a bad thing that John the Baptist was different from others? [good - he had a special job to do for God, he was not meant to blend in]

Ask: Are we a bit different from other families you know from school?

If yes, ask: How are we different? [talk about how there are cultural differences like with dress and food, and there are faith and values differences - we act out of what we believe, explain to them that when others behave differently and badly it is usually because they do not know Jesus]

Say: Whenever we are different BECAUSE we belong to Jesus, and we are doing what He wants us to do, and being who He created us to be, that is VERY GOOD DIFFERENT. It's great!

1. Get rid of the sin that gets in the way - YOU are a leader; be a good example.

Read: Scripture: Hebrews 12:1 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Say: People listen to our words and they see our actions. What we say and do can hurt us, if it is sin. What we say and do can bless us, if we are obedient to God's word and do it with love in our hearts towards Him and others. Other people may copy us. We don't want to trip up in sin, or cause anyone else to. That could create an obstacle to knowing Jesus, and helping others to know Jesus.

Ask: Did you know that because Jesus has chosen you, and you follow Him, that you are a leader?

Ask: What can you do to be a good example to others?

2. Shine your light - Jesus' way is the best way

Read: Scripture: Matthew 5:16 - In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Say: What we say and do will either make it easier for someone to know Jesus, or harder for them to know Jesus.

Ask: Do want to make it easier or harder for people to know Jesus? Do you want to be an obstacle to knowing Jesus, or a clear path to knowing Jesus?

3. Speak words of life - be kind, and positive

Read: Scripture: Colossians 4:6 - Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Ask: What are some kind things we can say and do for people to show them Jesus' love? [make a plan to put these thoughts into action - as a family - this week]

Ask: How can we respond when we don't agree with others? [keep being kind, keeping our Jesus beliefs & values]

Ask: How can we respond when people are mean to us because we don't agree with them? [same as last answer]

4. Be a peace maker - bring people closer to Jesus

Read: Scripture: Romans 12:8 - Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Say: Just do all that YOU can to live at peace with everyone. You can't control anyone but you. You show love even when others don't. [encourage your kids to let you know when this is not working out as they had hoped or they are expected to do the wrong thing in order to keep other people happy - let them know you love them and you will coach them through that situation so that their love is not taken advantage of]

Sum up:

Say: Say after me:

- * I will get rid of the sin that gets in the way
- * I will shine my light for Jesus
- * I will speak words of life
- * I will be a peacemaker
- * I will be kind, share my faith, and show God's love!

Let's Pray! Dear Heavenly Father... Thank You that You want everyone to know Your love deeply and without obstacles. Please help us to prepare clear paths for You, to move in and through our lives... in the name of Jesus, Amen!

