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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 **Audience of ONE**

Using this parent info sheet at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your child will help them to get the most out of the episode. You might choose to do it in one sitting, or you might need a few sessions over the week to get through it; you can pace yourself through it as you choose. Even if you did not lead your child through the whole discussion; reading through it yourself will PREPARE YOU well to: use what you feel would be most valuable for you and your family; help you facilitate discussion; and answer some of the big questions that kids ask. 😊

The *Main Ideas* section has been designed especially for you, to enter into meaningful *Discussion* with your child; to guide you in what you can *Say* and *Ask*, to actively build faith and wisdom into them. Points and questions build on one another, so there is great value in leading your child through it. We have added a next level which is highlighted - skip it if you feel it is too much for your child's developmental level. The lesson will still progress well if you skip the **highlighted areas**. To help your child really share what's in their heart and mind, when it comes to *Ask* points, take care to not rush them... give them time to really think and respond. Really show them you are listening and understanding. We've also added *Life Application* points, a *Sum Up* point, and sample *Prayer*.

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 - Bubble Ring Challenge

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

Today we watched as Gabriel blew a bubble, and then using only his breath kept it afloat and directed it through a hoop. He had 1 minute to do it. It was harder than it sounds.

You might like to do this at home. Whatever you do, have fun!

Linking the activity with the theme: Gabriel had a singular focus, as he aimed to meet the requirement of the challenge. This is what it is like when we have an Audience of ONE; we care only about meeting their expectations? Is God your audience of ONE?

1. THIS WEEK - read through SCRIPTURE together

The Story of Noah is found in *Genesis 6-9* (OT)

The Story of Jonah is found in the book of *Jonah* (OT)

The Story of the Woman with the Alabaster Jar is found in *Luke 7:36-50* (NT)

The Story of John the Baptist is found in *Luke 3:1-18* (NT)

2. Scripture Memory Verses - to read & memorise at meal times

[use any version you like; we have used a combination of versions/translations/paraphrases to help your child best understand the meaning of the passages and apply it to their lives NOW]

Colossians 3:23

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you are working for the Lord, and not for human masters."

John 6:38

"I have come down from Heaven to do the will of God Who sent Me, not to do My own will."

John 5:19

"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He does only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does."





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The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Discussion introduction:

Say: We all have people in our lives whom we look up to and respect. It could be kids at school or family friends. We really care what they think.

Ask: Do you have anyone in your life who you look up to and respect? Who is it?

Say: We might go to them for advice.

Ask: Have you ever gone to someone for advice?

Say: We might learn things from other people, like skills.

Ask: Have you learned skills from someone? What skills did you learn? [learning how to read, craft, handy skills, sport, reading and writing, dancing, fashion, makeup, etc.]

Say: Sometimes we might be learning from other people without even realising it. Before we know it, we might start to speak the way they speak, dress the way they dress, and do the things they do.

Ask: Has that ever happened with you? Can you tell me about it?

Say: Sometimes we might change to be more like them on purpose, just to please them - to get them to like us, and approve of us. We might change our attitude, change what type of clothes we wear, change what sort of games we like, and what kind of music we listen to... all so we can fit in, and get along with a group of people.

Ask: Have you ever felt like you needed to do this? Can you tell me about it?

Say: We can begin to care more about what certain friends or popular people think, than what we think, what our parents think, and what God thinks.

Ask: Whose thoughts should we care most about? [God's thoughts - then our parents as God has given us to them to care for and train in His ways.]

Say: Everyone has a different idea of what is good. If we try to please all the people all the time no matter what, we will be really confused and stressed because we won't know what to do. We have to make a choice about who will have the influence over us (who will be the voice we listen to most).

Life Application Point: taking stock

Ask: Who do you actually listen to the most? Why?

Ask: Who should you listen to the most? Why?

Ask: Who are you wanting to listen to and please the most?

Say: The answer to those questions will show you who you are really living for?'

Say: We should ask ourselves regularly, what is most important as this will help us decide to live for Jesus, and be confident as we do. It will help us to block out any distractions. It will simplify all our decision making. In making any decision we should always ask: 'Will this please God?'

Ask: Who do you have in your life to be the person you can go to for godly advice?

Say: Have you asked for them to be this person for you, to make time for you, and be available to guide you, and to be praying for you?

Going deeper - unpacking the WORD!

Scripture: Colossians 3:23

Say: In Colossians 3:23 it says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you are working for the Lord, and not for human masters."



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Say: When we live for Jesus everything has so much meaning. Cleaning your room doesn't have to be an annoying, boring job; it can be done as if you are doing it for Jesus. That means you can turn cleaning your room into pleasing, and worshipping God.

Ask: Does this surprise you?

Say: It's the same with everything you do. If you do everything as if you are doing it for God, then you are always worshipping Him. What you do for Jesus may not make sense to everyone. Some people may laugh at you, or tease you, because you are always giving your very best effort with your very best attitude.

Ask: Has that ever happened to you?

Say: Don't worry if they disagree with you, or disapprove of you. They may just want you to stop worshipping God by how you live to join them in how they live, so they feel better about their not so good attitude and behavior.

Say: And, you're not alone. We are going to look at 5 people in the bible that stood out because they lived for God even though not everyone liked what they did. Noah, Daniel, the woman with the alabaster jar, John the Baptist, and Jesus.

Say: 1. Noah

Ask: Do you remember the story of Noah?

If YES, ask: Can you tell me about it?

If their narration needs leading:

Say: Noah is famously remembered as the man God chose to build an ark.

Ask: Did it make sense for Noah to build an ark? [No!]

Ask: Why didn't it make sense to build an ark? [*There had never been rain, and never been a flood, so no one could understand what Noah was preparing for. Also they were very far from the sea. Arks/ships/boats/canoes etc. belonged in places where there were big rivers, lakes, and seas. Not in the plains (flat grassy areas) and the valleys. They thought Noah was crazy. And they didn't like that he lived a good life, loving God.*]

Ask: Did the people listen to Noah? [No!]

Ask: Did the people make fun of Noah? [Yes!]

Ask: What did Noah do? [*He kept building!*]

Say: Noah kept building the ark in obedience to God. People made fun of him, and thought he was crazy, and didn't like that he loved God...but in the end Noah and his family were the only ones who survived the flood. Noah and his family was saved because he cared more about what God said, than what other people said.

Life Application Point: taking stock

Ask: How are we like Noah?

Say: In the end, when Jesus comes, we will be saved because we believed in Jesus. Those who refused to listen to our words about Jesus, and treated us badly, will not be saved.

Ask: What do we need to do to be saved?

Say: Believe in Jesus, be baptised, and become His disciples.

Ask: What is a disciple?

Say: A disciple is someone who believes in God, learns His word (the Bible), obeys it, and tells others about Jesus.



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Say: 2. Daniel

Ask: Do you remember the story of Daniel?

If YES, ask: Can you tell me about it?

If their narration needs leading:

Say: Daniel was a great man of faith who believed it was more important to obey God, than people. He was told he was not allowed to pray to his God. The punishment was very serious for being caught praying to anyone but the King and his gods. But Daniel not only kept praying to his God (our God) in his head and heart, he kept praying out loud to God with his windows open. His godly behavior did not change. Daniel was thrown into the lion's den as a punishment. This was a death penalty. Everyone thought Daniel would die, but God protected him by closing the lions' mouths. This means that he took away their hunger, and their desire to make Daniel their dinner. Everyone was amazed, and worshipped God because of it.

Ask: Daniel had a very good habit - what was it? [Daniel had a very good habit of praying to God. He did it morning, and night.]

Say: Daniel had a very good habit of praying to God. He did it every morning, and every night.

Ask: Was Daniel afraid to pray out loud? [No!]

Ask: Was Daniel ashamed to be heard praying? [No! He prayed out loud with his windows open, as usual.]

Say: Daniel would pray out loud with his window open. As people passed by his home they could sometimes hear him talking to God. Some people didn't like Daniel, and they didn't like his faith in God. They convinced the King to pass a law that said that no one could pray to, or worship, anyone other than the King and his gods. Every day everyone had to bow down to the Gold statue of the King.

Ask: Should Daniel have stopped praying, and stopped worshipping God, and obeyed the new law, so that he would not get in trouble? [No!]

Ask: Why/Why not?

Say: Daniel knew that would be wrong, and it would not please God, so he kept praying to God, and did not bow down to the gold statue. He knew that he could face punishment. It is not right to just be careless, or rebellious, and get into trouble. It is right to obey God always; even if people think that makes you crazy, or rebellious, and you get into trouble.

Say: 3. The woman with the alabaster jar

Ask: What is alabaster?

Say: Alabaster is a type of rock/stone that is soft enough to carve objects out of, and polish them up so they are shiny. This was before there were glass jars. Many jars and boxes, and statues were made of alabaster. In this story, the alabaster jar was beautiful and it held parfum/fragrant oil.

Ask: Do you remember the story of the woman with the alabaster jar?

If YES, ask: Can you tell me about it?



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If their narration needs leading:

Say: In the Bible there was a woman who loved Jesus. She wanted to show her love for Jesus in a generous act of worship. She had a very expensive jar of perfumed oil. In today's time it would be worth more than the family car. It was worth a whole year's wages. She took the oil and poured it over Jesus to honor and anoint him. This was very generous. Others saw this and complained to Jesus saying that what she did was a waste of money, but Jesus told them to leave her alone because she had done a good thing. Jesus was happy to receive her act of honor. He said that she loved Him so much because He had forgiven her so much.

Say: We may not know her name, but we know she cared more about what Jesus thought, than what people thought.

Ask: If she had not dared to be different in honoring Jesus, would we have even known about her? [No!]

Say: Because of this great act of worship, that everyone else thought was a bad idea, she is still remembered.

Say: 4. John the Baptist

Ask: Do you remember the story of John the Baptist?

If YES, ask: Can you tell me about it?

If their narration needs leading:

Say: John the Baptist was someone who prepared the way for Jesus and His ministry. He grew up and began preaching in the region around the Jordan. He would preach things like: "Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" He wanted people to have their hearts right so that when Jesus began to teach, they would be ready to follow Him. As John Preached, crowds of people came out of the towns to see him.

Ask: Why did the crowds come out to see John the Baptist?

Say: Crowds of people came out to see this strange man who dressed differently to everyone else, ate different things to everyone else, and said different things than all of the other preachers and teachers. He was what we would call a 'spectacle', or a 'sight to see'. Some people came to laugh at him - for entertainment.

Ask: Did everyone want to laugh at John the Baptist? [No!]

Say: No. Many people wanted to hear what he was saying. They had heard that he was preaching that the Messiah was near. The people had waited hundreds of years for the coming of the Messiah (savior) and so they were full of hope and expectation. They wanted to be ready, and they wanted to know what to do to be ready.

Ask: What did John the Baptist tell them to do to be ready?

Say: John the Baptist told the people to believe in God, repent of their sins, be baptised for the forgiveness of their sins, and be expecting the Messiah. He baptised many people in the Jordan River.

Ask: Who was really cross with him?

Say: Many of the priests of Judah did not like what John was preaching. They were angry and so they questioned him: "Who is this Savior you speak of?" They wanted to make him feel that he was wrong, doing what he was doing.





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Ask: Did John do as they wanted and stop preaching? [No!]

Say: No! John didn't care what the religious leaders thought. He said, "You family of vipers! You need to change your ways! The One who comes after me is mightier than I. I baptise with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit!"

Say: John was different.

Ask: Was it good different, or bad different? [Good different]

Ask: Why was he good different?

Say: John wasn't interested in what people thought of him. He was only interested in pleasing God. If he had let people's opinions of him stop him from preaching, the people would not have been ready for Jesus.

Say: 5. Jesus

Say: This is the best story of all.

Ask: Do you remember the story of Jesus?

If YES, ask: Can you tell me about Jesus?

If their narration needs leading:

Say: Jesus is the Word of God. That means that He is God, in human flesh. He is God with us. He was born to Mary. She was a virgin. So, God was really His Father. Jesus never sinned. Not even once. When Jesus grew up he was baptised, and then tested, and then he went around preaching, and teaching, and doing God's work. He forgave everyone who repented. He did many miracles; like calming a storm, walking on water, healing the sick, making the blind see, and raising the dead to life. Then, He died on the cross, rose again, taught some more, and then went to Heaven. He promised to come back again, and sent the Holy Spirit to help us until then.

Say: In everything that Jesus did, He put God first. He only did what God (our Father in Heaven) wanted Him to do, and He only said what God wanted Him to say.

Ask: Did everyone like that? [No!]

Ask: Why not? [Some of the people in power liked their power and having control over people. When the people started following Jesus they didn't like it. They felt threatened by Jesus. Some people didn't understand Him. They thought He was speaking wrong things about God. Some people just didn't like that when he taught, they were convicted (they realised they were wrong and needed to change).]

Say: Some people liked Him. Others didn't like him. Some people even hated Him. Even when He was arrested, and mistreated, Jesus never stopped doing what was right. He never changed who He was to please other people. He kept doing what God wanted Him to do... to show people that God is loving, and tell them what most pleased God.

Scripture: John 6:38 and John 5:19

Say: In John 6:38 Jesus says, "I have come down from Heaven to do the will of God Who sent Me, not to do My own will."

Say: In John 5:19 Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He does only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does."





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Say: Jesus wasn't doing all the amazing teaching, and all the amazing miracles to impress people...like He was performing for an audience of many people.

Ask: Who was Jesus really performing for? [an audience of ONE. That audience of ONE... was God.]

Say: Jesus was performing (doing everything) for an audience of ONE.

Ask: Who was that audience of ONE...was it His mum?

Say: Jesus really made His mother Mary proud, but it was God who Jesus cared most for.

Say: Whenever we please God, we will please our parents, because they love God too, and know how important it is to perform for their Audience of ONE - God.

Say: Jesus is the very best example of what it is to perform for an Audience of ONE.

Ask: Who are you performing for today? Are you performing for an Audience of ONE?



Let's pray...

Say:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You that You love us.

Thank You that You have given us so many examples in Your Word of people pleasing YOU more than other people.

Thank You that Jesus is the best example of all.

Please help us to do what is right.

And help us to remember that EVERYTHING we do, we do it for You.

Help us to do it well, and with a happy heart.

Please help us to care most about what You care most about.

Help us to always remember that everything we do is for You God, our Audience of ONE.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen!



A PICTURE paints a thousand words!

[You might like to ask your child to use this space to draw a picture that tells you what they have learned today]



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Sum up - The Audience of ONE Quiz

We should most try to please...

- A no one
- B everyone
- C ourselves
- D God

Noah was laughed at because no one had ever seen...

- A rain
- B a train
- C a crane
- D a lane

Daniel is remembered because he...

- A refused to stop praying and worshipping God
- B agreed to worship only the gold statue of the King
- C worshipped God and the gold statue of the King
- D worshipped the lions so they would not eat him

The woman with the Alabaster Jar poured something over Jesus' head...what was it?

- A fragrant water
- B fragrant spices
- C fragrant oil
- D fragrant soil

John the Baptist preached to the people. What did he preach about?

- A having enough locusts and honey in your diet
- B repentance, baptism, and being ready for Jesus
- C dunking techniques and swimming strokes
- D desert survival skills

Jesus only ever said and did what who wanted?

- A Caesar
- B Father God
- C the religious leaders
- D His friends

We should always perform for...

- A an audience of fun
- B an audience of mums
- C an audience of drums
- D an audience of one

