

HOMELINK

March 6, 2022

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

- Matthew 11:19 (NLT)

ONE BIG THING: Jesus' followers follow God's lead on their lives.

REVIEW: Today we read James 4:13-16. James says our lives are like a morning fog– that they are very short. To understand this (because the kids' lives don't feel short to them), we talked about eternity and how God has existed from eternity past and will continue to exist into eternity future.

Since our lives are short, we have limited understanding of how we should live. But we have access to God– who is eternal– He has full understanding of how we should live, and we should trust Him with the future. One way we can do that is by depending on God when it comes to making a decision or making plans for the future. James says in verse 15 "what you ought to say (when making plans) is 'if the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.'" In other words, Jesus' followers follow God's lead on their lives.

We played a variation of Simon Says (but played "God Says") using silly examples, but then discussed that the reason we played is because Jesus' followers follow God's lead on their lives. So– if "God says" to do something, we do it– but if God does not say to do something, then we don't do it! Which means that when we try to make plans about the future, we offer those up to the Lord and ask what He wants us to do. We trust that God knows what is best and therefore we want to follow Him and where He wants us to go and do what He wants us to do. Whether we understand what He asks or not, we can trust Him!

SONGS:

"God Made Me" by St. John's Children's Choir

"Every Promise in the Book" by Cedarhurst Kids

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:

"Dear God, thank you for the fact that you have always existed and will always exist in the future. Help us to realize that our lives are short, but we are able to use them well when we follow your lead on our lives. Help us to go where you lead and trust you with our plans for the future. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

