

PS-Kids · Parent Take-Home

What your child is learning — and how to talk about it at home

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Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (ESV) — "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them **when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.**"

That is the whole job description, and notice where it happens. Not in a classroom. In the car, at the table, at bedtime. **We get your child for an hour. You get the other hundred and sixty-seven.** This sheet is to make that hour useful to you.

How PS-Kids works

Every theme is taught **three times, at three depths**, so a family can be learning the same thing at the dinner table even when the children are years apart.

Band	How it is taught	Bible used
 Ages 5–8 · Little Learners	Simple stories, big truths	NLT , for easy reading
 Ages 9–12 · Growing Explorers	Digs deeper; key words explained	ESV , with some Hebrew and Greek
 Ages 13–17 · PS-Teens	Serious theology for real questions	ESV , with Greek and Hebrew insight

Scripture on this sheet is printed in the ESV so it matches what your 9–12s and teens are reading. Your 5–8s will have heard it in the NLT — the wording will differ slightly, and that is fine. It is worth telling a small child that: different Bibles say the same thing in different words.

The themes, and one question per age

Pick one question. Ask it once. Then let them talk. You are not running a quiz.

Rooted in Christ — Galatians 5

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

- **5–8:** "God grows things inside people. Which one do you think God is growing in you?"
- **9–12:** "Fruit grows slowly and you can't force it. What does that say about how God changes us?"
- **13–17:** "Why a *fruit* and not a *rule*? What's the difference between producing fruit and just behaving?"

The Cup — Psalm 75

"For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed..."

- **5–8:** "Jesus drank something hard so we wouldn't have to. What's the hardest thing you've ever done for somebody?"
- **9–12:** "Why does the Bible use a *cup* to talk about God's judgment?"
- **13–17:** "If the cup is real, what does it mean that Jesus asked for it to pass and then drank it anyway?"

Undeserving Favor — *Ephesians 2*

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

- **5–8:** "What's the best present you ever got that you didn't earn?"
- **9–12:** "If you can't earn it, why be good at all?" (*A brilliant question. Ephesians 2:10 is the answer.*)
- **13–17:** "Where do you feel pressure to earn God's approval — and where did that come from?"

Passover — *Exodus 12*

"The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you..."

 **Heads up, parents — this one may surprise you.** We teach that the Hebrew behind "pass over" carries the sense of God **covering and shielding** his people — like a bird spreading its wings over a nest — rather than merely walking past the door. **God was not avoiding those houses. He was standing over them.** If your child comes home saying that, they heard us right.

- **5–8:** "God put his wings over his people to keep them safe. Who does that for you?"
- **9–12:** "Does it change the story if God was *guarding* the door instead of walking past it?"
- **13–17:** "Why would the ancient Greek translators have chosen 'cover' — and what does that do to how you read the cross?"

♥ Why We Need Jesus / Sin and Salvation — *Genesis 3, Romans 5*

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."

⚠ **The one a parent should be ready for.** The older lessons ask directly: *did we inherit Adam's guilt, or his death?* **Pleasant Springs teaches that what passes down the family line is consequence and corruption — not transferred guilt.** Your child is not born guilty of somebody else's sin. They are born into a broken world, and they will need Jesus, and that is a different and kinder thing to say to a seven-year-old.

- **5–8:** "Adam and Eve made a bad choice — but God already had a plan. Can God fix things that we break?"
- **9–12:** "What's the difference between being *guilty* of something and being *affected* by it?"
- **13–17:** "Romans 5:12 ends 'because all sinned.' How much weight should those two words carry?"

👪 God's Big Family — *Romans 16*

"Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus... greet also the church in their house."

Paul ends a letter by naming **twenty-six people** — men and women, Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free.

- **5–8:** "God's family has every colour and every age in it. Who's in our church family that you love?"
- **9–12:** "Why would Paul bother listing twenty-six names? What's he showing us?"

- **13–17:** "Who would be hardest for *you* to see on that list — and what does that reveal?"

Real Worship — *Isaiah 58*

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness... to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house?"

- **5–8:** "God likes it when we help people. Who could we help this week?"
- **9–12:** "Israel thought they were worshipping right and God wasn't impressed. How would we know if that were us?"
- **13–17:** "Where's the line between real worship and looking religious? Be honest."

Joseph — *Genesis 37–50*

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

- **5–8:** "Joseph's brothers were mean to him, but God still had a good plan. Has something bad ever turned out okay?"
- **9–12:** "God used it for good — does that mean what the brothers did was okay? Why not?"
- **13–17:** "Joseph waited thirteen years. What do you do with the part of the story where nothing is fixed yet?"

Trees in Scripture — *Psalms 1, John 15, 1 Peter 2:24*

"He will be like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season..." "I am the vine; you are the branches." "He himself bore our sins in his body **on the tree.**"

- **5–8:** "Let's find a tree this week and talk about roots. What do roots do that nobody sees?"
 - **9–12:** "The Bible starts with a tree and ends with a tree. Why do you think that is?"
 - **13–17:** "Peter calls the cross a *tree* on purpose. What is he tying it back to?"
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Three things that work at home

1 • Ask once, then be quiet. The single most common mistake is asking a question and filling the silence four seconds later. **Count to ten in your head.** Children — teenagers especially — will talk if the gap stays open.

2 • Answer "I don't know" honestly. If your child asks something you cannot answer, say so, and then **look it up together.** Every PS-Kids lesson is online and free. ⚠️ A parent who bluffs once gets believed less about everything else.

3 • Let them see you needing it. They learn more from watching you pray about something real than from any lesson we teach. **You are not required to be an expert. You are required to be honest.**

If your child comes home with a hard question

They ask	A place to start
<i>"Am I bad because Adam sinned?"</i>	No. You were born into a broken world and you need a rescuer — that is different from being blamed for someone else's choice.
<i>"Why did Jesus have to die?"</i>	Because the cup was real, and he chose to drink it so we would not have to.
<i>"Does God love people who aren't like us?"</i>	Read them Romans 16 and count the names.
<i>"Is God angry with me?"</i>	Ephesians 2 — it is a gift , not a wage. You are not on probation.
<i>Something you cannot answer</i>	"That's a really good question. Let's ask someone who knows." Then actually do it — ps-church.com/contact

This week, pick one

- ☐ Ask **one** of the questions above at dinner. Just one.
 - ☐ Read the lesson your child did — it takes five minutes: **ps-church.com/discipleship/ps-kids**
 - ☐ Find a tree. Talk about roots.
 - ☐ Do the Isaiah 58 thing: help somebody, together, where your child can see it.
 - ☐ Pray out loud with your child about something that is actually worrying you.
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Psalms 145:4 (ESV) — "One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."

Father, thank you for these children. Thank you that you loved them before we did. Give us patience for their questions and honesty when we have no answer, and let them see in us something worth having. Grow in them what only you can grow. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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