

Week 3: Everybody Makes Mistakes.

Prayer

If you have kids ask them if they would like to start your family devotional time in prayer. Allow them to pray whatever and however, they want to. The goal is to get them to talk to God. This is not the time to correct theology or form. If they do not want to lead the prayer then have your entire family repeat the given prayer below.

Dear God,
Thank you for this day
And our time together
in your word.
May this time
help us to grow in you
and grow closer together
as a family
In Jesus name
Amen

Scripture

Ask your student/s if they have **Hebrews 11:3** memorized. If they do not then take time to read it three times through. This is to help with memorization. After you have read through that verse read **Genesis 3:8-13**.

By faith, we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

- Hebrews 11:3 (ESV)

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?' He answered, 'I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.' And he said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not

to eat from?' The man said, 'The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate. - **Genesis 3:8-13 (ESV)**

Devotional

Take your time reading through and pause for family interaction.

Guess what? Everybody makes mistakes and, everybody has bad days.

Have you ever made a mistake and thought to yourself, "Well, I've messed up this time?" I think we have all felt this before and in the moment it could feel as if you've made the biggest mistake ever and it can't be fixed but often that's not the case.

Adam and Eve had a day like this before. Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful garden, where they could talk to God and enjoy all the good things He made for them.

But one day, they made a big mistake. God asked them about it, but instead of being honest, they tried to hide and blame others for what they did wrong.

Just like Adam and Eve, sometimes we make mistakes, and we feel scared or ashamed. We might want to hide or blame someone else because we're afraid of getting in trouble.

But God isn't like that. Even when we mess up, He still loves us and wants to help us. He doesn't want us to hide or be afraid of Him. He wants us to tell Him what happened and say sorry if we need to.

When we make mistakes, we can talk to God about them. We can say sorry and ask Him for help to make things right. God is always ready to forgive us and help us start fresh.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of

grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. - **Hebrews 4:15-16**

And just like God shows us love and forgiveness, we can also show love and forgiveness to others when they make mistakes. We can help each other and be kind, just like God is kind to us.

Even when we mess up, God is there to help us and forgive us. There may be consequences to our decisions but, God loves us no matter what, and that's the best kind of love there is.

Remember, everybody makes mistakes and everybody has bad days

Questions

The goal is to get the family talking and bring awareness to the fact that God could be talking to them no matter their age or where they might be currently in life. This is NOT the time to quiz your family members on what they might or might not know.

1. What stuck out to you today?
2. What can you do with it?

Prayer

If you have kids ask them if they would like to end your family devotional time in prayer. If you notice an opportunity to improve the moment of prayer you can do so now. If there are multiple things only choose one and then try to implement the improvement in the moment. The goal is to grow in a safe environment. If your kid does not implement/receive the correction well reassure them that God loves the talk to us and that God knows what we are trying to say even if we don't know how to put it into words. If they do not want to lead the prayer then have your entire family repeat the given prayer below.

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