

Citizens of Heaven: Living with Jesus

Family Edition - Week 2

KEY SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 1:23-25: ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

There is one thing that lasts forever. It is God's Word! How do we hear this Word and share it with others?

START PRAYING:

(repeat after leader): Dear Jesus... everything will change... but you never change. Help me to build my life... on your never changing Word... Amen!

START TALKING:

- Besides God, what is the OLDEST person, place, or thing you can think of? Share amongst yourselves.
- What is one toy/possession you wish you could always have?
- Do you still have a toy/possession from as a child that you enjoy?

START STUDYING:

- Read 1 Peter 1:24 and Isaiah 40:6: What eventually happens to all the beautiful flowers you see now, when the frosts of winter come? Why is it important for us to hear this from God's Word? Does the same thing happen to people? How does that make you feel?
- Read 1 Peter 1:23,25 and Isaiah 40:8 out-loud together: What is the good news? In a world where EVERYTHING (INCLUDING YOU) withers...what is the Good news?
- Did you know: A seed dies when you plant it? It is only by its death that it can bring about the start of a newly germinated seed! (with soil, water, and sunlight of course). How does this connect with 1 Cor 15:36? Are we talking about plants or you?

START APPLYING:

- How do you know a baby is hungry? How do you know you are hungry? What is the solution for that? Odd question- Have you ever been hungry to hear God's Word?
- Read 1 Peter 2:2. What is the best way for YOU to hear God's Word?
- When do you think you are old enough to share God's Word with someone else? Is this Good news important to share?
- In the space underneath, write down the name of a person who could use God's Good news in their life, then next to it, write the name of what that Good news is for them they need to hear.

FINISH IN PRAYER:

(Fun prayer around the table today!)- Everyone is going to take one word of this prayer. Start with the oldest at the table and go clockwise from there with each person saying the next word of this prayer:
Dear| Heavenly |Father| I |have |you |forever| because |you |have |me| forever! |Help| me |daily| crave| your| Word |that| endures |forever! | Amen!

Draw a picture of a seed sprouting new life.

Biblical Equipping

Start a seed packet and get it to grow! Get a plan to make it grow and see if you can get it planted! As you do that, remember how you grow in your faith too. It takes time, energy, nourishment from God's Word and promises. Each step of taking care of a seed as it becomes a plant should remind you of how God's Word works in your life and how it can work in others!

Take a moment and pray for the person you named earlier that could use God's Word in their life. Then find some time this week to share that Good news they need to hear! Make the time and share with them!