

## Family Battle Plan



A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

### **Week 4: Bible**

#### 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **Theme Verse**

*"The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever"* (Isaiah 40:8).

#### **Objective**

The Bible is God's message about Himself and His salvation plan through Jesus.

#### **Teach**

Have you ever noticed the leaves on the trees, the flowers, and the weather outside when summer becomes fall or winter becomes spring? It is amazing to see how God created nature to respond to the changing of the seasons, and what a privilege it is to experience the unique beauty that each season brings. Look outside your window and notice the grass. Depending on the current season, the grass is either a vibrant green, a dull brown, or maybe somewhere in between. During the winter months, grass withers and turns brown to conserve water and nutrients, and then, in the summer, it often grows and becomes green again!

While we can certainly marvel at the miracle of this process called dormancy, we cannot always depend on the grass to be its beautiful green hue. Likewise, we know despite the immense beauty flowers display, each bloom is only beautiful for a certain amount of time, and then it fades. This week's Bible verse contrasts the ever-adapting natural world with the never-changing Word of God.

Although we will experience many kinds of change in our lives, the Word of God will never change. In fact, this verse reminds us that God's Word remains forever! Because it is constant and true, we should depend on it, study it, and obey it no matter what season of

life we are in. The Bible reveals the attributes of God, the saving work of Jesus, and the characteristics of a God-honoring life. These truths will forever be relevant—no matter what.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What else besides God's Word will last forever? (God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit)
2. Why should we read God's Word in both good times and bad times? (The Bible is true and good in every season of life.)
3. If we truly believe the Bible is God's Word, how often should we read and study it? (As often as possible)
4. What does it mean to "*hide God's Word in our hearts*" as Psalm 119:11 says? (This can be a discussion. Aim for an answer similar to the following: live our lives in a way that is holy according to the Bible, believe the Word even when times are hard, etc.)

### **Play**

Go to your pantry and look at the expiration dates on a few items. Which item has the longest shelf life? Which has the shortest? Discuss that while food expires, the Word of God will never expire!

### **Sing**

["All About Jesus"](#)

### **Live it Out**

Read the following verses and discuss what each one teaches us about the Word of God: Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 2:6; 2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 19:7; Isaiah 55:11.

### **Closing Prayer**

God, thank You for giving us the Bible to help us know You and how we should live. Help us to treasure Your Bible every day. Amen.