

# Family Battle Plan

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

# Week 4: Bible

# Middle School

# Theme Verse

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

# Objective

The Bible is true, without error, and will last forever.

#### Teach

Out of the four seasons in the year (winter, spring, summer, and fall), which is your favorite, and why? People who love the summer are often excited about the warm weather, pool parties, and lemonade. The summer is so much fun when it arrives and so sad when it leaves. However, this is the challenge we all face each year—no matter what our favorite season is. No sunny day, shady tree, or glass of lemonade will last forever. Read Isaiah 40:8, our verse for the week: *"The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever."* 

What does it say about the Word of God? Seasons will forever come and go. Beauty in the grass and flowers will eventually fade away. Yet, we see a profound truth that the Word of God will never change or dissolve; it remains forever! The truths in the Scriptures are true and applicable to every person—no matter the season of life! Stress, worry, and hard moments in life will distract us from leaning into the Word of God, but Isaiah 40:8 reminds us that in the hard times, the Bible must be our source of strength and encouragement because the truth of God's Word doesn't change due to our circumstances or season.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What makes God's Word so strong? (It never fades away or loses relevance.)
- 2. Why should we always read the Word of God in the good times and the bad times? (It is true in all seasons of life.)
- 3. What is one verse that you can memorize this week? (Answers may vary. Isaiah 40:8 is a good example.)

# Play

Today, store up the Word of God in your heart! At the dinner table, try to work together in memorizing Isaiah 40:8. See who can quote it verbatim first!

# Sing

#### "Living Word"

#### Live it Out

Remind yourself throughout your week that God's Word never changes. As worries or concerns come during the week, talk with your family and friends about the verses you have memorized and can use to comfort yourself or others in hard times.

#### **Closing Prayer**

Dear Jesus, thank You for giving me God's Word. It is *"a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,"* and I know it will never fade (Psalms 119:105). Help me to read it more and live out the truth I see within it. I love You. Amen.