

Family Battle Plan

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

Week 10: Salvation

Younger Preschool

Theme Verse

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Objective

God cares about us.

Teach

While the concept of salvation is too complex for a younger preschooler to grasp, you can still prepare a foundation for future learning. This week, lay this foundation by teaching how God not only loves them but also cares for them. A great verse to clarify the distinction of care from love is "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you" (1 Peter 5:7 NLT). When your child is afraid or concerned, remind them you care and God cares. In regard to salvation, one day they will learn that God cares for their soul and where they spend eternity.

For this lesson, instead of looking for a moment when your child is concerned or afraid (although this is a great time to remind them that God cares), create a scenario with their toys or act out a scene yourself with them. For example, if your child is afraid of going to the doctor, create a scene with toys where a character is going to the doctor, becomes scared, and is comforted. Act out and provide voices for the toys in this scenario. As your child grows and develops, pretend play is one of the methods God designed for them to work out emotions, thoughts, and behaviors to prepare them for real-life situations.

Discussion Questions

As always, a great way to model discussion for your child is to provide the question and answer for them. Ask, "Child's name, who cares for you?" and then answer, "God cares for you!" Provide the opportunity to respond; set up the answer to merely be "God!" or "God cares!" and repeat several times. It is okay if they do not answer or repeat; they are able to observe and acquire language skills that you model.

Play

Continue from where you left off with the toys or if you were acting out a scene. This can involve some imagination and creativity as you think of scenarios to set. Consider the things your child responds positively to or what they enjoy and build from there.

Sing

"Sin Messed Everything Up"

Live it Out

Throughout the week, remind your child when they are afraid or concerned that God cares. Demonstrate that you care for them.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for caring for us so much. Help us to be like You and care for each other. Amen.