

For Lesson 3/15/2020:

*God's plan is for you to be the primary spiritual nurturer of your child's faith. This resource is designed to allow your family to share time in God's Word **before** your child attends **B4KIDS**. **At Home Weekly** is meant to inspire you toward a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, equip you to be the primary person presenting these biblical concepts to your child, and support you as you connect and grow alongside your son or daughter.*

CONNECT AS A FAMILY: SHARE & ASK

Faith flourishes in the context of healthy and intentional relationships. Start by sharing your life and then asking your child about hers. Without judgment, model honesty and let her know you want to hear what's going on in her life.

SHARE one way you struggle to submit to the lordship of Jesus in your life. This could be an area of disobedience, a fear or insecurity, or even a situation where it's challenging to relinquish control. Sharing a current struggle allows your child to see that it's okay to be honest about her struggles too.

ASK what area of her life she may be struggling to let go of control.

CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD'S LEADER

In this section, we will provide you with creative ways to inspire, equip, and support the leader(s) who are intentionally pouring into your child, guiding her to a closer relationship with Jesus. Your child's leaders should be leading with your encouragement and input.

Though submitting to Jesus' lordship is a daily decision, your child's leader has, at one point, made the life-transforming decision to submit and follow Christ with his life. One of the deepest ways we can connect as believers is by sharing how God has transformed us. Take the opportunity this week to connect with your child's leader over coffee, food, or over the phone. Share with him about your faith and ask him about his.

SERIES FOCUS VERSE

During this series we're continually remembering the words of Jesus. Come up with a creative way to celebrate as a family when you memorize this Scripture.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

JESUS IS _____

Mark 4:35—5:43

The Gospels are exciting! They're filled with amazing narratives, action, and miracles. In Mark 4—5, we witness Jesus calm a storm, cast out a demon, heal a sick woman, and even raise a girl from the dead! With all the energy in these passages, the purpose of these miracles can be forgotten. Like the crowds following Jesus, we can get carried away with the miracle itself rather than the One who performed it. The miracles are not the point; instead they point us to who Jesus is. In this section of Mark, we'll look at three separate interactions with Jesus and encourage your child to discover her own truth statement about Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

The gospel of Mark is called the gospel of action. Of the four gospel accounts, Mark moves at the fastest pace.

4th and 5th Graders are easily distracted. The world is full of things that pull their attention away from the Lord Jesus. From the moment they wake up, students are bombarded with opportunities to make created things “lords” over their lives. It can be sports, school, popularity, or friends. They can spend so much time pleasing their “lords” they forget to submit to the one true Lord. With all these distractions, it is important to direct their attention to Jesus. Look for opportunities this week to remind your child about the Lord Jesus and how He is unlike any other.

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in HomeFront Magazine: A Spiritual Parenting Resource (www.HomeFrontMag.com).

(Child's name), **you are loved! You are chosen! May you surrender every area of your life to Jesus. May your life reflect that Jesus is your Lord who you trust and follow.**