

WORSHIP - DISCUSS - MEMORIZE - ACTIVITY



# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

I KINGS 17:8-16; MARK 12:38-44



## STEP ONE, TRUST GOD



Even though there's no exact recipe, kids will find that they can prepare themselves for a loving relationship with God when they trust God.

This week, kids hear about how God prepared Elijah and the widow at Zarephath during the famine.

## WORSHIP

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## DISCUSS

### Read 1 Kings 17:13

What is a situation where hearing, "Don't be afraid," from God would help you (or would have helped you) trust more?

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being "super difficult," how difficult would it be for you to trust God enough to give him everything you have? Why?

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[growcurriculum.org/Ephesians2-10](http://growcurriculum.org/Ephesians2-10)

Encourage kids to decorate notebook covers with food stickers, food pun sayings, and cooking images or drawings of their own.

God is always doing wonderful things in our lives, even though we may not always notice them. A part of trusting God is thanking God for those things. Decorate this menu book, and make a point of logging one thing you are thankful to God for every day! Because when it comes to our walk with God, we can't forget step one, trust God!

## MEMORIZE

Sometimes we don't know where life with God is going to take us, but we can always come back to step one, trust God! He will provide for us no matter what.

Dear God, thank you for preparing good works in advance for us to do! Help us trust you above everything else. We don't want to miss an opportunity to serve you! Amen.

## ACTIVITY



**1 & 2 Samuel**

**Before 1 Kings**

**2 Kings**

**After 1 Kings**

**Book of the Bible**

# **1 Kings**

**Chapter 17:8-16**

**Verse**

**8** Then the word of the Lord came to him:

**9** “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.”

**10** So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?”

**11** As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

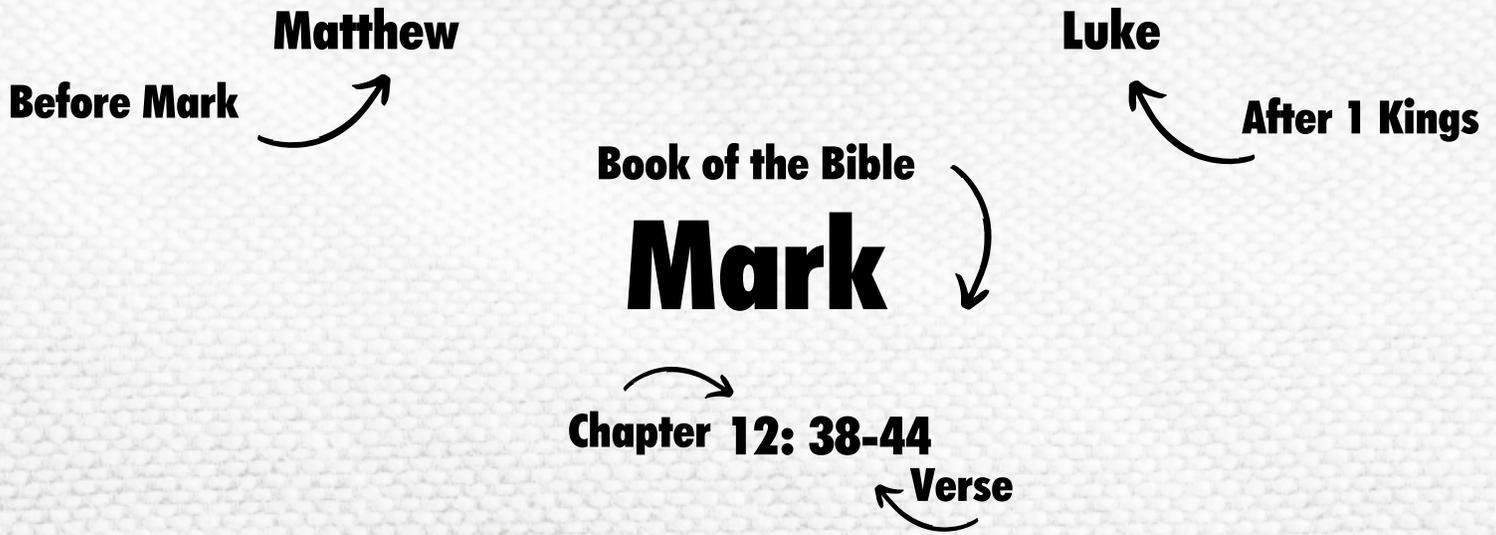
**12** “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

**13** Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.

**14** For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

**15** She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.

**16** For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.



### **Warning Against the Teachers of the Law**

**38** As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,

**39** and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.

**40** They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

### **The Widow’s Offering**

**41** Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.

**42** But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

**43** Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

**44** They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything —all she had to live on.”

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# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

I SAMUEL 1:4-20; PSALM 16



## STEP TWO, TALK TO GOD.



Even though there's no exact recipe, kids will find that they can prepare themselves for a loving relationship with God when they trust God.

This week, kids hear about how God prepared Hannah for a baby when she prayed.

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### DISCUSS

#### Read 1 Samuel 1:18

Hannah had more peace after talking to God. Have you ever experienced God's peace in your heart after talking to God?

What is one thing you want to tell God right now?

Do you ever feel like you can't talk with God about something? Why or why not?

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### MEMORIZE

Take one chef's hat per family member and write or draw a prayer.

After you are finished, you can decorate their hat.

God loves it when we pray. Sometimes it's helpful to write out our prayers.

### ACTIVITY

There are so many different kinds of situations we find ourselves in each day, and God wants to hear about it from us! Don't forget, step two, talk to God.

Dear God, thank you for being so easy to talk to. You never stop listening to us! Help us remember that we can talk to you anywhere, anytime, and about anything. Amen.



**Judges & Ruth**

**Before 1 Samuel**

**Book of the Bible**

**2 Samuel**

**After 1 Samuel**

# **I Samuel**

**Chapter 1:4-20**

**Verse**

4 Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters.

5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb.

6 Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.

7 This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

8 Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

9 Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house.

10 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.

11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

12 As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.

13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk

14 and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

15 "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord.

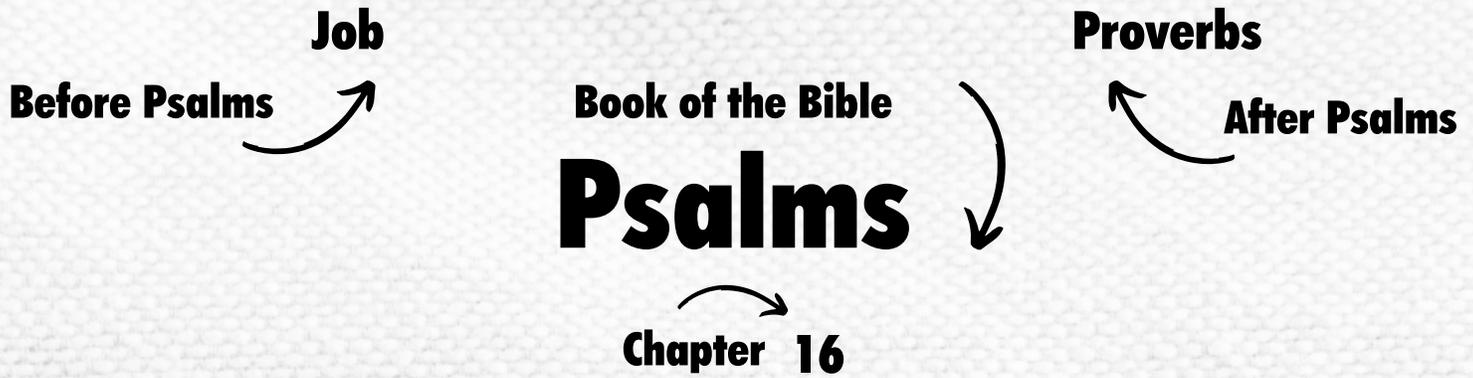
16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

17 Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

18 She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her.

20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."



**1** Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

**2** I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

**3** I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

**4** Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

**5** Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

**6** The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

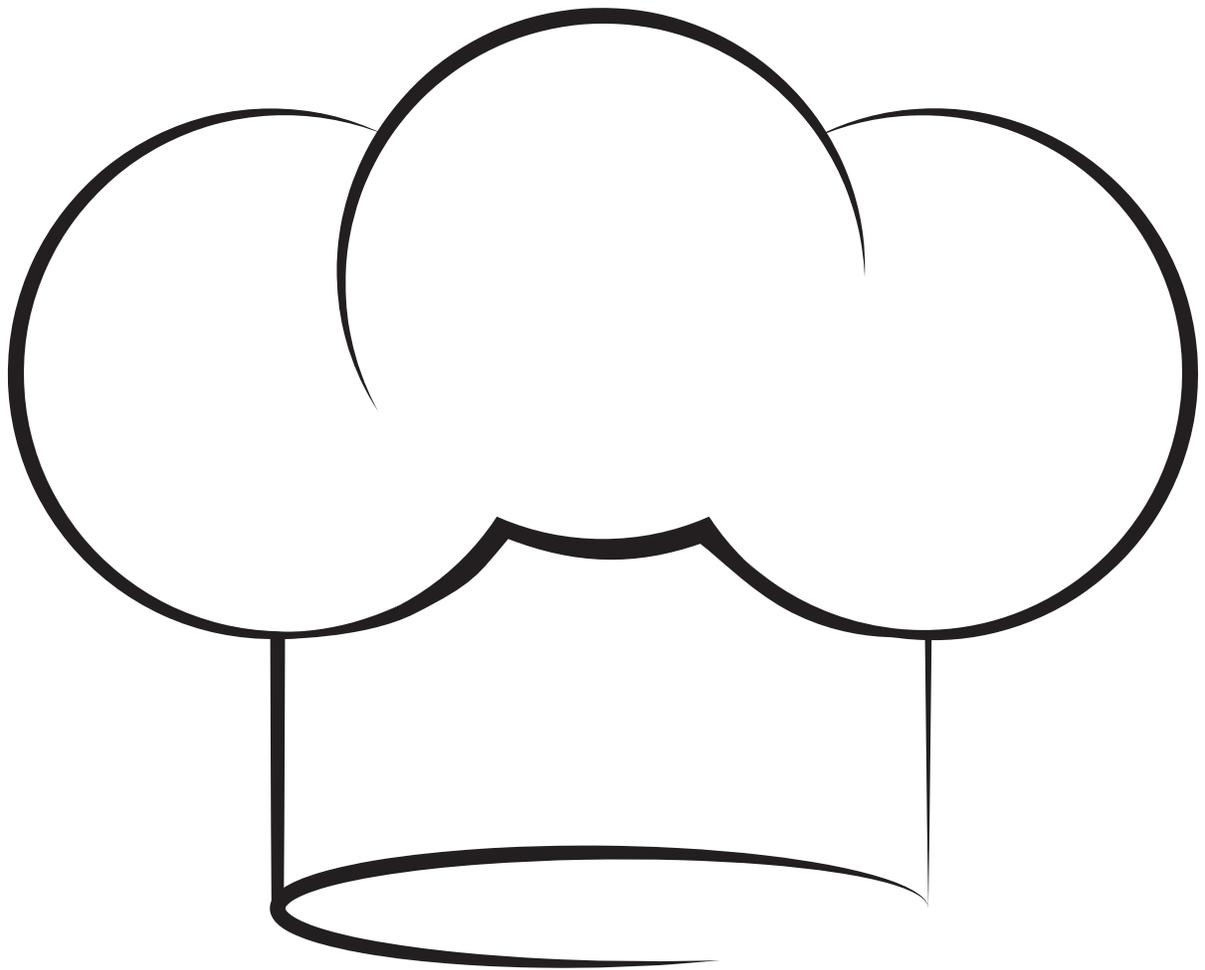
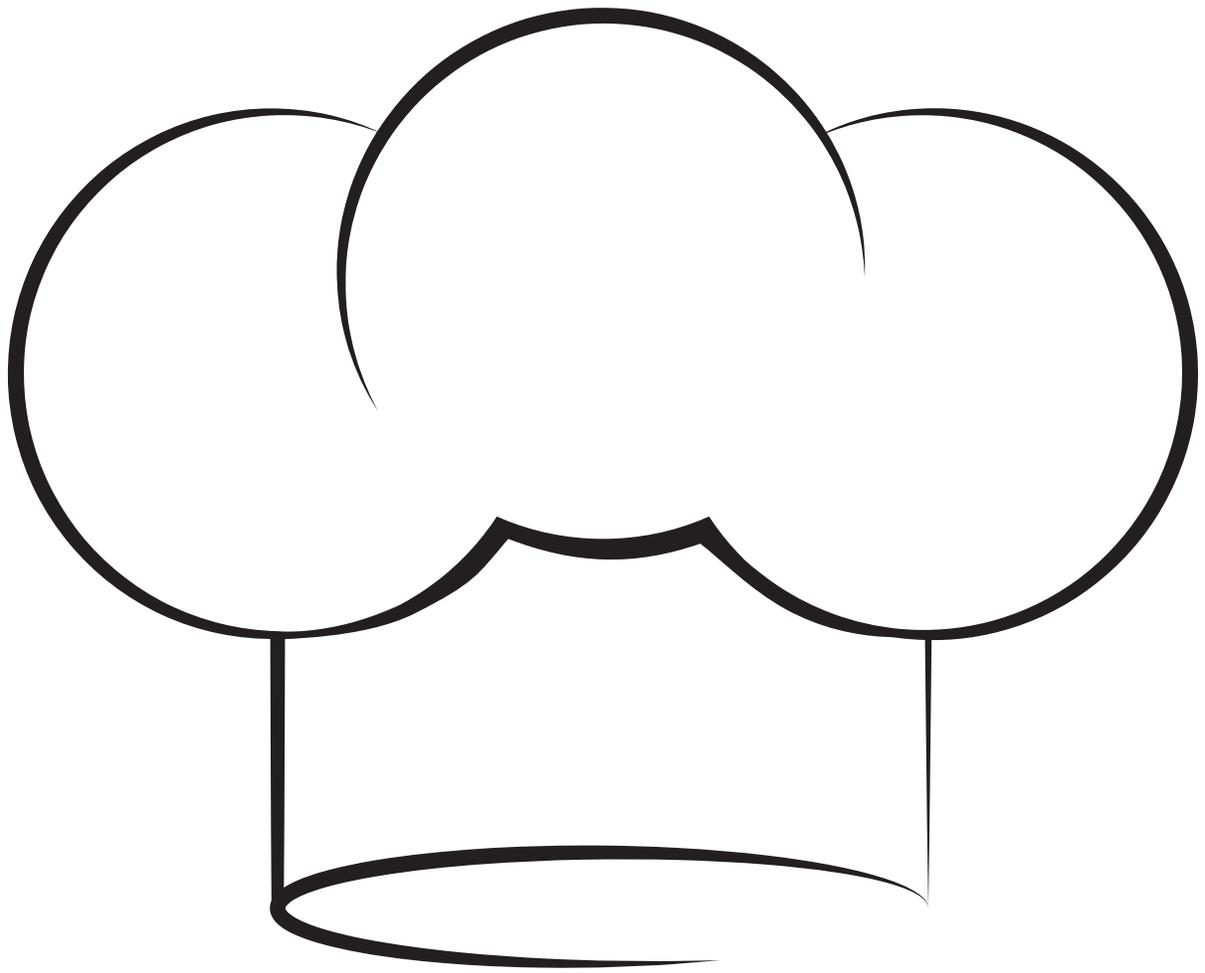
**7** I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**8** I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**9** Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

**10** because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

**11** You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.



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# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

I SAMUEL 3:1-10; 19-21; PROVERBS 2:1-5



## STEP THREE, LISTEN TO GOD.



Even though there's no exact recipe, kids will find that they can prepare themselves for a loving relationship with God when they listen to God.

This week, kids hear about how God prepared Samuel by calling him one night.

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## DISCUSS

### Read Proverbs 2:1

How do you store up things people say?  
How does storing up things God says help us?

Who is someone in your life who can help you recognize and respond to God's voice?

How can you make space to listen to God without distractions?

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Fold a paper into a small book.

Learn Here: <https://youtu.be/21qi9ZcQVto>

Brainstorm ways we can listen to God. (For example, through the Bible, through prayer, through the Holy Spirit, through other Christians, and through God's creation.) Invite the kids to decorate their books and write or draw on the pages the ways they can listen to God.

Talking to God is very important, but listening to God is equally or maybe even more important! There are many things God wants to tell us and share with us as we walk with God. God wants to guide us, comfort us, and encourage us, so it's so important to remember step three, listen to God!

## MEMORIZE

Sometimes we need to hear God speak to us multiple times before we can really listen to God. No matter how many times it takes remember step three, listen to God.

Dear God, thank you that you are always near, ready to speak to us. We're listening! Help us to understand you and your plans for us more as we listen. Amen.

## ACTIVITY



**Judges & Ruth**

**Before 1 Samuel**

**Book of the Bible**

**2 Samuel**

**After 1 Samuel**

# **1 Samuel**

**Chapter 3:1-10, 19-21**

**Verses**

**1** The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

**2** One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.

**3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

**4** Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am."

**5** And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

**6** Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

**7** Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

**8** A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy.

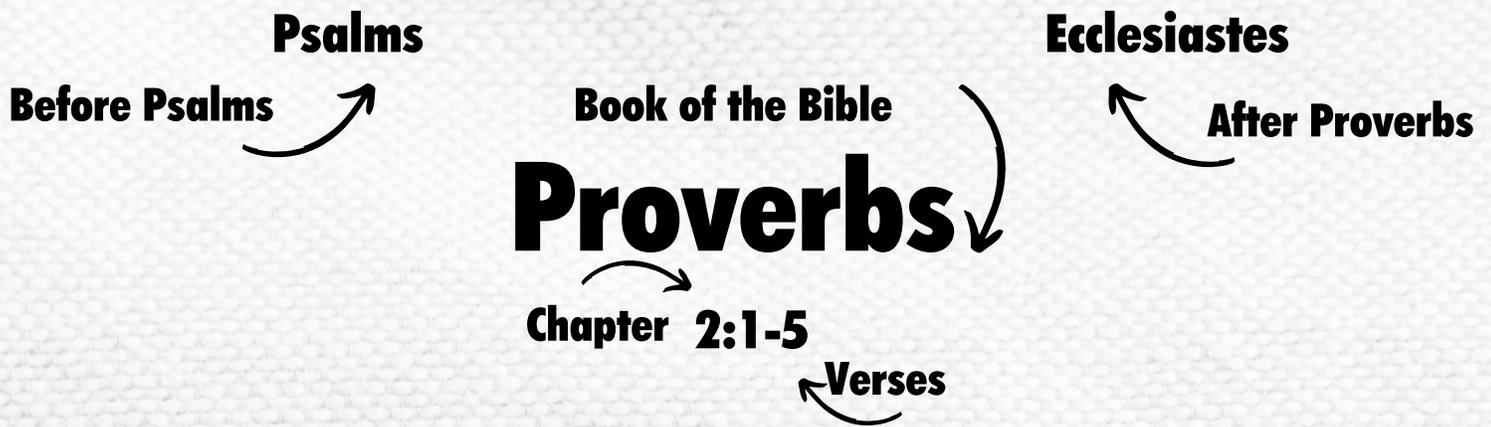
**9** So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**10** The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**19** The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.

**20** And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.

**21** The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.



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How can you store up God's commands within you?

Reading the Bible is one way we can listen to God because it literally is God's Word. But you may still be wondering how to do this.

Here's a simple way to take what God says in the Bible and turn it into a more meaningful time of listening to God.

**First**, read God's words out loud. What does the verse say?

**Second**, think about what God's words could mean. What is it saying to you? How is it connecting with you?

**Third**, pray about what you heard. What can you say to God about what you just read and thought about? "Call out for insight and cry out for understanding." (verse 3)

**Fourth**, listen longer. Look at the words for a longer time than you normally would.

Look for God in it. "If you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." (verses 4–5).

But remember, like we talked about earlier, listening is not just hearing what God tells you — it's doing it!

Jesus was the greatest example of listening to God. Not only did he spend a lot of time listening for God's instructions, he listened to God by doing it.

Jesus obeyed and listened to God until the very end, and we can do the same!

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# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

JEREMIAH 33:14-16; LUKE 21:29-33



## STEP FOUR, LEAVE THE RESULTS TO GOD.



Even though there's no exact recipe, kids will find that they can prepare themselves for a loving relationship with God when they leave the results to God.

This week, kids hear about how God prepared the people for a Savior.

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## DISCUSS

### Read Jeremiah 33:14

God's good promise was made to the people of Israel and Judah. How does God's "good promise" apply to us today?

What do you think the Kingdom of God will be like?

How can knowing that God is taking care of the results help you serve God better?

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Have your family create an apron craft.  
Find out how:

<http://krokotak.com/2020/01/i-love-cooking/>

Have them write the Big Idea on the pocket of the apron.

God is the master chef in the kitchen of life. God is in control, and God alone knows exactly how things will turn out. Hang your apron up at home as a reminder of this! Let's say the Big Idea together one more time. Step four, leave the results to God.

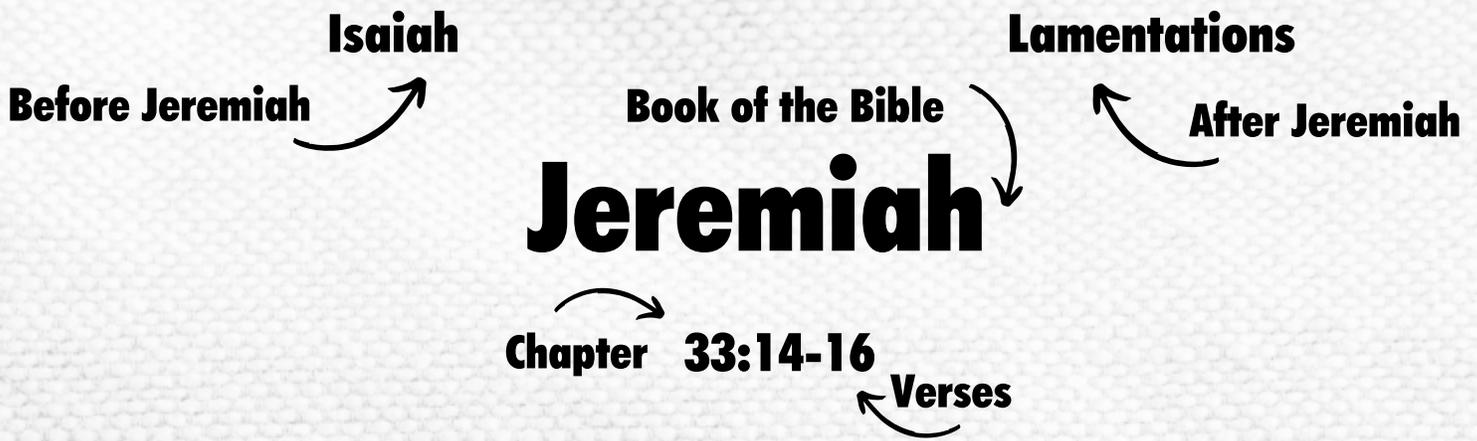
## MEMORIZE

Part of living life for God is helping others be prepared for Jesus's return. You could say that you're planting seeds in their heart in hopes that they will grow in their relationship with God! Then, step four, leave the results to God. God is the one who makes the seeds grow!

Wow, God! You love us so much. Thank you for sending Jesus to be our ultimate Savior. Help us to not forget the ways that we can prepare ourselves to serve you. We can trust that everything is in your hands no matter what!

## ACTIVITY

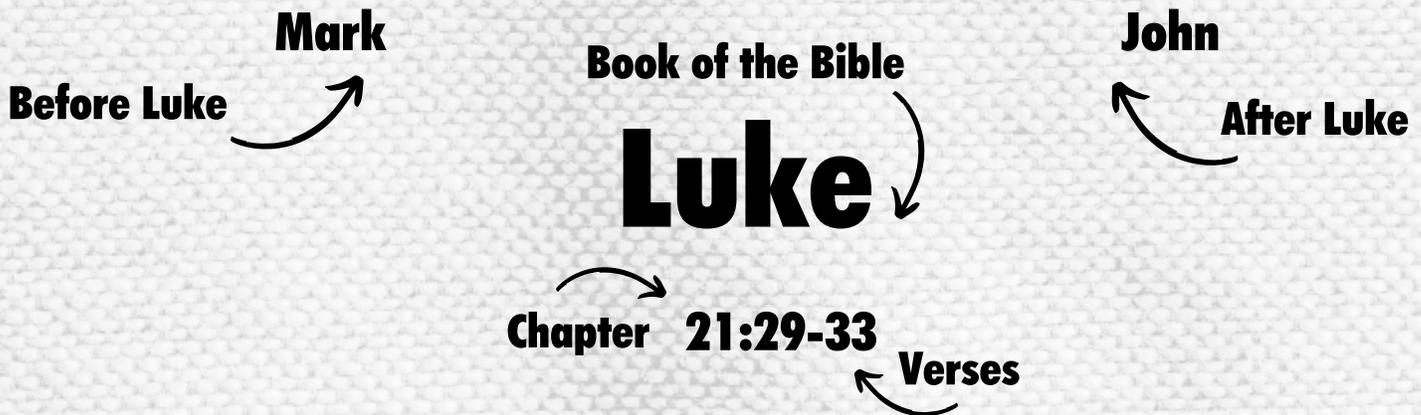




**14** “The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

**15** “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

**16** In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’



**29** He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.

**30** When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near.

**31** Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

**32** “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

**33** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.