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explore **God**TM **FOR KIDS**

HOW CAN I KNOW GOD?

PARENTS,

For this final week of the Explore God series, we've asked another important question: "How can I know God?" It is a wonder that God—the Creator of all and Ruler over all—knows us and makes Himself known to us. Not only that, but because of His great love for us He invites us into a relationship. This is very good news!

The Bible reminds us that there is nothing we could do to earn this love (Romans 3:23), and that it is only because of God's grace that we receive this generous invitation (Romans 6:23). Our hope is that children would not only recognize their need for God, but also recognize the goodness of this gift of grace and begin their own journey of faith (Romans 10:9–13).

As parents, we have a unique opportunity to walk alongside our children—to spur them on as they learn more about God and grow in relationship with Him. To encourage and challenge our children as followers of God, there are three practices to engage with:

- reading the Bible
- praying
- learning from others who follow God

More than anything, we want children to see the goodness of life with God—that life is so much better, sweeter, and more fulfilling when it is spent as a disciple of Jesus.

LIFE TRUTH

I can start a
relationship
with God by
trusting Jesus
as my Savior.

MEMORY VERSE

These are written
that you may
believe that **Jesus**
is the Messiah,
the Son of God,
and that by believing
you may have life
in his name.

John 20:31

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Who are the "best" people you know (e.g., the nicest, smartest, most talented)? What makes them so great? The Bible tells us that even the best people we know aren't "good enough"—that no one can meet God's standard, no matter how hard we try (Romans 3:10, 23). This is why God sent Jesus. So, when we speak of God's "grace," we mean that there is nothing we could do to make God love us more, and that there is nothing we could do to make Him love us less!

The Bible promises that if we seek God with all our heart, we will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13), and that God comes near to us when we come near to Him (James 4:8). *What are some ways that we can "come near to God"?*

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Pair up members of your family to interview each other using these questions:

- 1) What is your favorite family memory?
- 2) If you could go anywhere today, where would you go?
- 3) What is something you like about me?

Ask your kids to imagine what it would be like if they asked the questions but whoever they interviewed didn't answer. Ask them, "How would you feel?" Help your kids see that any relationship requires two people to communicate and spend time together. This includes our relationship with God.