



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide - 10/07/20

Use some, all, or none of the ideas - adapt - come up with your ideas!

If anyone in your family needs a Bible, please contact the office, kingsfordag@yahoo.com or 774-7631 ext. 7.

READ: Genesis 2:15-25

- How do we know the difference between right and wrong?
- Read Proverbs 1:7 ... according to this verse what is the beginning of knowledge?
 - What does it mean to “fear the Lord”?
 - According to Pastor Dave, “To fear the Lord” means to accept what God says is true and then we must live by it.
- What do you think the Garden of Eden was like?
 - What job did God give Adam?
 - Have you ever helped take care of a garden?
 - What do you like about gardening? dislike about gardening?
- How do we grow in the ability to know right from wrong?
- Read Gen 2:18 What is “not good” in God’s “very good creation”?
 - According to Pastor Dave what is the difference between alone and loneliness?

MEMORIZE: Genesis 1:1-2, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

-OR SHORTEN -

Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Idea #1: Volume Control

In this game, we will be saying the verse in either a loud, medium or soft voice. The volume is controlled by the leader's outstretched arm. If it is raised high, say the verse loudly. If it is straight in front, then say in a medium voice. If the arm is lowered, the class repeats the verse in a soft voice. Take turns being the leader!

Idea #2: The Next Word

Have your family stand in a line. First person begins to say the verse. He/she randomly stops and sits down; the next person in line picks up where it was left off. Continue until the verse is recited.

HAVE FUN:

- **MOBILE & VOCAL GAME:** “Helpful Friend” Backwards Hide & Seek: (a.k.a. Sardines)
 - One “helpful friend” hides and everyone else are “seekers”
 - The seekers covers their eyes and counts while the friend hides
 - Seekers split up when looking for their friend and don’t let anyone know when you find the friend
 - When a seeker finds the friend they hide with them!

BONUS idea: Hide stuffed animals around the house/your space and when a seeker finds a stuffed animal they must shout out the name of the animal and say “You’re not my helpful friend!”
- **DRAWING or PAINTING:**
 - Pick a letter of the alphabet and create an animal that starts with that letter

APPLY IT:

God placed us in a family – Share something you are thankful for with each of your family members.

Life Enrichment

- How important is the ability to know the difference between right and wrong? How often do we use this skill? What are some ways you discerned between right and wrong this week?
- Realizing that discerning between right and wrong is essential, why do you think God would insist that Adam not eat from the very tree that promised the necessary knowledge?
- According to Proverbs 1:7, what is the beginning of knowledge?
- What does it mean to fear the Lord (hint there are two parts given in the lesson)?
- How do we grow in the ability to know right and wrong? Why do you think there are no shortcuts to this process?
- According to the lesson, what does the term “alone” mean? How is that different from what we term “loneliness”?
- What does the phrase “suitable helper” imply? What does it not imply? Why is that important?
- Why do you think God establishes marriage as the most fundamental human relationship?
- Why is it important that Adam does not name Eve like he does the animals?
- Sometimes we over-sexualize the images found in verses 24-25. What does it mean to “leave and cleave,” become “one flesh,” and be “naked without shame?” How has tonight’s lesson altered your understanding of these principles?
- What are some ideas that stood out to you from tonight’s session? How do you intend to apply them to your relationships (marriage, family, church, friendships, etc.)?

Text – Genesis 2:15-25

The Prohibition (Gen 2:15-17)

- Knowing _____ is an essential survival tool.
- Knowing the difference between good and bad belongs to God so, God claims the right to decide _____ it is given.
- To know the difference between right and wrong, a person must _____ what God says and _____ accordingly.

What’s “Not Good” in God’s “Very Good” Creation (Gen 2:18)?

- The one thing in creation that is clearly lacking is a _____ for the man.
- The task to which God has called Adam is _____ for him to accomplish on his own.
- We are designed to function best in _____, _____, and _____.

The Most Fundamental Human Relationship (Gen 2:19-25)

- Driving away “_____” means that marriage and family are intended to ensure that no one feels like they are _____.
- Because our mission/purpose is God-given, the family/home becomes the command and control center of _____.