



FaithLand is available during the 9:00 & 11:00 am services for children in Grades JK-6.



Encourage your child to bring their **bible** each week. It is our main study manual!



Parents, we would strongly encourage you to **help your kids make remembering God's Word a priority**. You can do this by working with them to complete all 8 verses throughout this year in FaithLand. Children can recite their **memory work** each week at our Memory Station (Grades 1-6). We will have an awards celebration in May recognizing the children who recite all 8 verses.



Your child will benefit most from **regular attendance**! They will get to know their shepherds, make closer friends and recognize the importance of gathering together to worship God.



At Home Weekly is available on-line. (calvary.on.ca/family) This provides a short devotional which will help prepare your child for the lesson on the coming Sunday.

Homefront Monthly Magazine is available each month on-line or in the stairwell. This is a great resource for practical ways of integrating your faith into all areas of your family's life.



Release Form – If you have a child in Grades 4-6 and would like them to be dismissed on their own, please fill out a Release Form. ****These do NOT have to be filled out each year.****

On-Line Resources



go to: CALVARY.ON.CA/FAMILY

from the right panel select: **RESOURCES**

→ **AT HOME WEEKLY**

A devotion designed to do BEFORE each Sunday to prepare your child

→ **HOMEFRONT MAGAZINE**

On-Line magazine which gives parents encouragement as well as practical ways to keep Jesus at the centre of you home. A hard copy is available in the stairwell.

→ **MEMORY VERSES**

The Memory Station is open every Sunday morning for kids to say their verse. Awards are handed out at the end of the year for everyone who has said every verse.

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your son or daughter. You'll find out what they learned today at church and can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD IS POWERFUL

Ascension

Acts 1—2; Luke 24:52–53

Jesus ascended into heaven and the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD'S SPIRIT UNIFIES, PART 1

Philip

Acts 8:1–8, 26–40

Philip told an Ethiopian eunuch the good news about Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In Acts we read how God's Spirit unified many different people to become His family. Acts 8 gives us a specific example of this as we see how God brought an Ethiopian eunuch into the faith community.
- This man wasn't just a Gentile from a distant land; he was also a eunuch—a man who, because of his physical condition, was considered by the Jews to live in a constant state of ritual impurity (Leviticus 21:16–23).
- A prophecy in Isaiah held hope: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me ... to them I will give ... a name better than sons and daughters" (Isaiah 56:4–5). This prophecy spoke of the day when Jesus would fulfill the Law and give everyone the opportunity to join His family.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One evening, after dinner, bring your family together and read **Acts 8:26–40**. Verse 29 tells us “the Spirit told Philip.” Share with your children that the Holy Spirit also speaks to us in the natural moments of our everyday lives. Ask your children if they’ve ever felt led or nudged by the Holy Spirit. Then share a time in your life when you felt God’s Spirit leading you. Explain to your children that they can ask God to lead them through His Spirit, who unifies us as members of God’s family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did God’s Spirit tell Philip to do, and how did Philip respond?
- How have you seen God’s Spirit bring people together in your faith community?
- What do you enjoy doing with your faith community?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God’s Spirit unifies into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that’s highlighted in next week’s portion of The Big God Story.

So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child’s name), **may you know the unity that comes from God’s Spirit. May you carry God’s message of hope and salvation to the ends of the earth.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.

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WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: JESUS LOVES ME

Children Welcomed

Matthew 19:13–15

When children were brought before Jesus, the disciples turned them away. Jesus welcomed and blessed them.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD FORGIVES

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11–32

A young man leaves home and makes some bad choices. When he returns home, his father welcomes him back with love and forgiveness.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- One of the most effective and memorable teaching techniques of Jesus was the parable. The parable of the prodigal son is the third of three parables in Luke chapter 15. Jesus tells about celebrating lost things found in order to reveal the character of the heavenly Father. He begins with the sheep, then the lost coin, and ends with the lost son.
- Jesus used parables to teach people about the heavenly Father. The Greek word for parable is *parabole*, meaning “a placing beside ... It signifies a placing of one thing beside another with a view to comparison” (W. E. Vine, *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, Vol. 3, p. 158).
- In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the picture Jesus paints of His Father's heart is beautiful, lavishing us with forgiveness because of his love.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, take your family out to the entryway of your home to read this part of The Big God Story. Ask your children to recall a time when they were really excited to see someone coming to visit. Share these memories together. Tell your children you're going to read a true story from the Bible. Then read **Luke 15:11–32**. Ask why the father was so excited to see his son return home. Remind your children that what they heard is part of The Big God Story in the Bible. They'll learn more in church this week about how God loves and forgives us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- When the son returned home, how did the father react?
- How did the brother react?
- Which one reacted most like the way God would respond? Why?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Made a Promise into your everyday life as a family.

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**As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love.**
John 15:9

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(Child's name), **may you know God's forgiveness this week. May you run to Him when you need Him and remember He loves you always.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to truministry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.

The Memory Station is open once the children are dismissed from the Worship Service.

When the memory verse is recited, your child can choose a small prize from the prize bin and a memory ticket is awarded. This memory ticket will be entered into a draw that occurs at the end of each month.

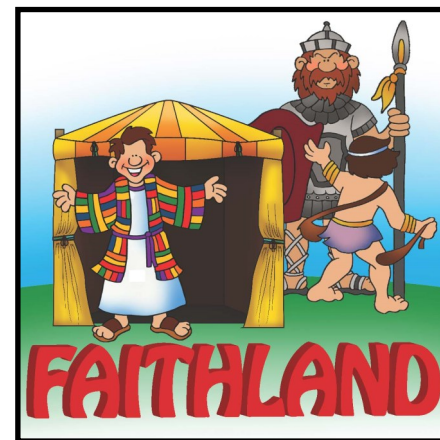
Memory Tickets will only be awarded during the corresponding timeframe. However, children can visit the Memory Station at any time to receive credit for reciting their verses.

At the end of the year, children who have said all of their memory verses will receive a Grand Prize Package during our Memory Station Celebration!

Psalm 119:9,11

**How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to Your Word.**

**I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I may not
sin against You.**



2018/19

Memory Verses 2018/19

Grades 1-6 (NIV)

Oct 7- Oct 28	Jeremiah 9:24 Let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.
Nov 4- Nov 18	Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."
Dec 2- Dec 23	Luke 1:68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
Jan 13- Jan 27	Proverbs 16:9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

May 26 - Memory Station Celebration and Awards

Feb 3- Feb 17	Psalm 83:18 Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD—that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.
Mar 3- Mar 31	John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
April 14- Apr 28	1 John 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
May 5- May 19	Isaiah 30:18 Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

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2018/19 Memory Work: JK/SK (NIV)

Oct 7 — Oct 28	Luke 1:49 For the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.
Nov 4 — Nov 18	Psalms 52:9 (ESV) I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.
Dec 2 — Dec 23	Isaiah 25:1 Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.
Jan 13 — Jan 27	1 Chronicles 16:11 Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.
Feb 3 — Feb 17	Psalms 55:16 As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me.
Mar 3 — Mar 31	Isaiah 48:17 This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.
April 14 — Apr 28	Isaiah 119:76 May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.
May 5 — May 19	Psalms 57:10 For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.