

Weekly Resources

May 4 – May 9

Monday, May 4

Scripture Reading | Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Reflection | Time is an experience. One that is constantly in movement. In its ebb-and-flow, what is God revealing to you about this particular moment in your life?

Prayer | Pray for students of all ages as they near an unusual end to the school year.

Family Application | Many things change: seasons, our bodies, our age, but God never does. Discuss as a family what life has been like these past 7 weeks. The changes, the hard times and fun times. Discuss how important it is that God never changes.

Tuesday, May 5

Scripture Reading | Romans 5:1-5

Reflection | While most of us want suffering to be removed quickly, let these words from Paul shift your perspective toward hope in the moment.

Prayer | Pray for those whose struggles are ongoing.

Family Application | During struggles it's important to remember that you are being transformed in the pain. Like a caterpillar into a butterfly, we must spend time in the cocoon (pain) to be changed. If you try to help a butterfly out of its cocoon, it does more harm than good. Draw/Color a Butterfly.

Wednesday – May 6

Scripture Reading | Revelation 21:1-4

Reflection | Until this moment passes, consider the hope we have as Christ-followers in the new creation still to come. What do you long for most?

Prayer | Pray for those whose faith is fragile in this moment.

Family Application | What do you think Heaven will be like? Will you float on a cloud? Lots of singing? Unlimited dessert? The Bible doesn't share all the details. The most important thing it says is that things will be beautiful and new, and we will be with God. Do a puzzle together to see beautiful out of broken pieces.

Thursday – May 7

Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Reflection | Revelation 21 (yesterday's Scripture) casts a wonderful picture. Yet that is unseen. In light of what you do see today, be encouraged to not give up and press on in faith!

Prayer | Pray for God's perseverance to spur you forward in living out faith.

Family Application | Talk about some of the things that are very important to you now, but that you won't need or be able to use in heaven.

Friday, May 8

Scripture Reading | Matthew 5:1-12

Reflection | Ponder these words from Jesus as He taught on the mountainside. These speak powerfully into the variety of experiences we might endure in this life.

Prayer | Pray for those who especially struggle with change and are anxious right now.

Family Application | Jesus is teaching his disciples. He gives them the "Beatitudes," which describe the way you are blessed by God and how you can find joy. Some call them the "Be Attitudes." What kind of attitude should we have when life is difficult?

Saturday – May 9

Scripture Reading | John 14:27

Reflection | Another weekend is here – another opportunity to breath deep the peace Jesus brings into your day.

Prayer | Pray for the awareness to see the gift of peace in your day.

Family Application | Name some emotions. Discuss how emotions can get very strong and take over. We need God's peace to fill us up. *Close your eyes and take a long, slow deep breath.* When you breathe in ask God to come inside and let His peace cover those emotions. Practice it together.