

FAMILY WORSHIP



Activity: Coloring Time

- Set aside a block of time to color with your child. Gather some plain white or colored paper along with crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils. Each of you may then begin drawing/coloring on your own separate piece of paper. After a few minutes, ask your child what he/she is creating. Then tell him/her what you are creating. Offer to switch papers to finish each others work. During this time, discover your child's favorite color by asking him/her. Share your favorite color as well. When you are done, pray together thanking God for the amazing colors He has created. Post the pictures in a highly visible location.

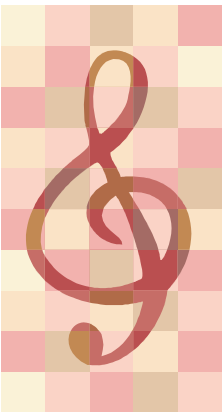
Practice monthly memory verse. Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



March Memory Verse:

Romans 3:23 – *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Worship through singing:



What Can Wash Away My Sin?

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

2. For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

3. Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

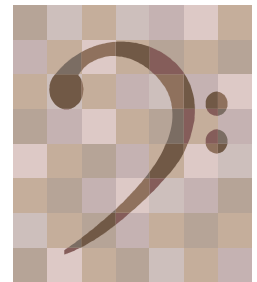
4. This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

5. Now by this I'll overcome
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

For music and lyrics visit: <http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/n/b/nbtblood.htm>



Parent Resource Review:

BOOK: Passion Hymns For A Kid's Heart, by Bobbie Wolgemuth and Joni Eareckson Tada

"This special Passion collection features twelve timeless hymns and gives you everything you need to teach children about the magnificent love of God and the power of the cross. It is filled with delightful stories from the Bible, devotionals, simple piano music, guitar chords, and beautiful original illustrations. The enclosed CD contains fully orchestrated versions of the hymns with children's voices," –Crossway Books

*This book also has a glossary to help define unfamiliar words in the hymns. It is an amazingly helpful tool!

Review: Genesis 42-50

Last week we saw the completion of God's plan for Joseph. Joseph's daddy, Jacob, sends Joseph's older brothers to Egypt to buy food because of the severe famine. In Egypt, the brothers bow down to Joseph not recognizing him as the ruler in charge of all Egypt's food. However, Joseph recognizes his brothers and later tells them, "I'm your brother, Joseph." His brothers are very afraid, but Joseph promises not to hurt them. Instead of getting even with them, Joseph loves them and provides for them. He tells them, "It was not you who sent me here, but God" (45:8). Joseph believed that God is always in control and that God is always good. So Joseph rescued God's special family and brought them to live with him in Egypt.

- **Where was the famine?** *Everywhere (41:56, 57), even in Joseph's home of Canaan (42:5).*
- **Where was the only place that had food?** *Egypt.*
- **Who has God put in control of the food in Egypt?** *Joseph.*
- **Because Joseph was in charge, he could have taken revenge on his brothers.**
 - **What would YOU have done if your brothers had been that mean to you?**
 - **What did Joseph do?** *He gave his brothers food.*
 - **Did he charge them?** *No, when they got home, their money was still in their sacks.*
- **Why does Joseph not take revenge on his brothers?** *Joseph fears God (42:18) and knows that God is the One who is in control. Joseph knows he can trust God.*
- **How can you respond to someone when they are mean to you?** *I can choose to be nice to them. I can trust God make things right.*

Notes for further Joseph study with your child:

If you are able to read through the entire account of Joseph's life to your child, make special emphasis in two areas. First, 45:5-9. This is where Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and clearly states four times that God is the One who sent him to Egypt. He affirms that God is always in control. Second, 50:15-21. Joseph's brothers try to earn Joseph's forgiveness by offering to be his servants. But forgiveness cannot be earned. True forgiveness is given. In the same way, we cannot earn forgiveness from God. It is a gift freely given by Him that we receive.

This Week: Exodus 1:8-2:10

This week we see God's people continue to grow as God fulfills His promise to Abraham. The time is now about 70-100 years after Joseph has died and a new Pharaoh who does not know Joseph begins to rule Egypt. He does not like God's people. He makes them slaves and is very mean to them. He even tries to kill their boy babies to keep the people from growing in number.

- **Pharaoh is very mean to God's people. Does this stop God from blessing His people?** *No.*
- **What can stop God from doing His will?** *Nothing. God is always in control.*
- **What is a midwife?** *A woman who helps a mommy when her baby is being born.*
- **How did the midwives please God?** *They obeyed God instead of doing what the king commanded (1:13).*
- **How does God respond when we are obedient to Him?** *God is pleased with our obedience and blesses us (1:20-21).*