

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

## PROMISE OF DIRECTION

THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GO AHEAD OF YOU. HE WILL BE WITH YOU. HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.

POINT UP

POINT IN FRONT OF YOU

POINT TO SELF

SHAKE HEAD "NO"

HE'LL NEVER DESERT YOU. SO DON'T BE AFRAID. DON'T LOSE HOPE.

HUG SELF

MAKE "X" WITH ARMS

HANDS ON HEART

### STORY: PAUL'S MACEDONIAN CALL – ACTS 16:6-10

#### DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM ACTS 16 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

1. How did God let Paul know it was time to go somewhere new?
2. Why do you think Paul listened and went right away?
3. What might it feel like when God changes our plans?
4. How can we listen for God's direction in our own lives?
5. Where do you think God might be calling our family to help or serve right now?

### BIG IDEA: GOD DIRECTS US WHERE WE'RE NEEDED MOST

#### DID YOU KNOW...?

Paul was trying to travel through places like Asia Minor, but God stopped him and gave him a vision during the night! In the vision, a man from Macedonia was calling for help. At the time, Paul was staying in the port city of Troas—right by the sea—so to follow God's direction, he had to cross water and enter a whole new part of the world. That journey into Macedonia became the first time the good news of Jesus was shared in Europe, showing that God's plan was bigger than Paul ever imagined!

#### SOMETHING TO NOTE!

In Paul's story, we see something really important about God's promise of direction: God doesn't just tell His people where to go—He lovingly guides them step by step. Paul wanted to keep traveling and teaching, but when God closed one door and opened another, Paul trusted that God knew best. This reminds us that God sees the whole picture, even when we only see what's right in front of us.

God's direction is never random or confusing. He leads us with purpose and love, often toward people who need help, hope, or the good news of Jesus. When God directs us somewhere new—whether it's a place, a conversation, or an act of kindness—it's because He is inviting us to be part of His big plan. We can trust that when God guides us, He is always moving us toward what is good and where we're needed most.

#### PRAYER PROMPT:

Before you pray, think about times when plans have changed or you've had to choose a new direction. As a family, talk about where you might need God's guidance right now—at home, at school, with friends, or in how you serve others. Pray together, asking God to help you listen for His direction, trust Him when He leads you somewhere unexpected, and be willing to go where you are needed most.

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