

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 COMFORT

"EVEN THOUGH I WALK – THROUGH THE VALLEY – I WILL FEAR NO EVIL – YOU ARE WITH ME – YOUR ROD & STAFF – COMFORT ME"
 PRETEND TO WALK HANDS DIP LOW SHAKE HEAD "NO" HUG YOURSELF HOLD A PRETEND STAFF HANDS OVER HEART

STORY: GOD'S COMFORT IN TROUBLE: 2 COR. 1:3-4

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM 2 CORINTHIANS OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

1. Who do you go to when you feel sad, hurt, or scared?
2. How does God comfort us when we are having a hard time?
3. Can you think of someone you could comfort the same way God comforts you?
4. What does it feel like to know that God is always with us, even in trouble?
5. Why do you think God wants us to share His comfort with others?

BIG IDEA: GOD COMFORTS US WHEN WE'RE IN TROUBLE SO THAT WE CAN COMFORT OTHERS TOO.

DID YOU KNOW?

When Paul wrote 2 Corinthians, he had already gone through a lot of really hard times—like being chased, thrown in jail, and even shipwrecked! He knew what trouble felt like. But Paul also knew that God never left him alone. That's why he calls God the "Father of compassion" and the "God of all comfort." Paul wanted the church in Corinth (and us today!) to understand that when life feels scary or painful, God's comfort is bigger and stronger than any problem. And the best part? God doesn't just comfort us for ourselves—He gives us comfort so we can share it with others who are hurting, too!

SOMETHING TO NOTE:

The city of Corinth was a busy place full of ships, travelers, and people from all over the world. It was known for its big marketplace and even hosted famous athletic games—kind of like the Olympics! Because so many people passed through Corinth, it was an important place for the church to grow. Paul wrote letters to the Christians there to remind them that even when life was busy, messy, or hard, God's comfort was always with them.

PRAYER PROMPT:

As a family, thank God for being the "God of all comfort" who is with us in every kind of trouble. Take turns sharing something that has been hard or scary for you lately. Then pray together, asking God to bring His comfort and peace. Finally, think of one person outside your family who might need encouragement, and ask God to show you how you can share His comfort with them this week.

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