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Faith At Home Play Card

1 Thessalonians Chapter 5

Best Use:

To act as a companion to the REAP Bible reading plan for the book of 1 Thessalonians.

Purpose:

Assists parents in their call to fulfill their responsibility as the primary faith shaper in their child's life. Guides families to have fun and engaging faith conversations in their home.

Advanced Preparation:

- Select a simple recipe.
- Write out a recipe card with ingredients listed on the front and instructions on the back.
- Purchase/gather ingredients

Play Action:

READ: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,8-28 (for younger children verse 7 may need some interpretation.)

DO: Pull out the recipe card that you prepared before hand.

SAY: “See what I have here? It is a list of ingredients to make our meal/special treat.”

DO: Read the ingredients together aloud.

ASK: “Do you think we could put these ingredients together to make a good meal? Should we just guess how much we need to use of each ingredient and how long we need to cook them? Would that be easy? Would it taste right? What might make cooking easier and the meal taste better?”

DO: Point out the section of the recipe that gives measurements and instructions.

SAY: “With the instructions, we can put all the right amount of ingredients together to make something wonderful. Just like these instructions on how to make a yummy meal, Paul was telling the Thessalonians that Jesus was coming back someday, but no one knows when that will be. To prepare for that day Paul gave the Thessalonians instructions for how to live while waiting for Jesus. Today we have the completed work of the Bible that gives us instructions to live as we wait for Jesus’ return. With our recipe card we don’t have to guess the measurements for our ingredients. In the same way God has provided us with instructions for how to live and we don’t have to guess how we should be living.

READ: 2 Timothy 3:16 together aloud, which explains that “*all scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*”

READ: Psalm 119:105: “*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*”

EXTRA: You may want to fix a second, smaller portion of the recipe making a point of **IGNORING** the instructions. Ask which they would rather eat when done. Remind them how much better life “tastes” when we follow God’s instructions.

PRAY: “We thank you, Lord, for your special instructions for our lives. Help us to read the Bible often so we know how to make good choices. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.”