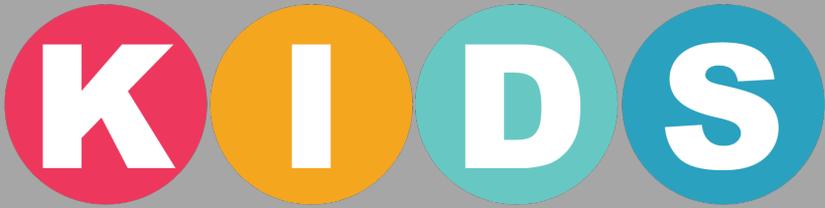


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Faith At Home Play Card

1 Thessalonians Intro

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:

Gather items to prepare a spaghetti dinner (be sure to get one box of dry spaghetti. You can do a can of spaghetti sauce or make your own.)

Play Action:

SAY: “Tonight we are going to make spaghetti for dinner! I need some help getting the spaghetti ready.”

DO: Give each child one piece of dry spaghetti. Ask them to break the spaghetti in half. It is easy to break one piece of spaghetti when it is all alone.

DO: Now take the whole box of dry spaghetti and ask if someone can break the spaghetti all together. Let each child try. It is very difficult to break. Even if they succeed at breaking the stack, focus on the point that it is much harder than breaking just the one.

READ: Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 as a family.

SAY: “When we stand alone, it is easier for us to fall or make bad choices. God has given us our family and other Christian friends to stand strong together with. Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians. They lived in a place where it was difficult to be a follower of Christ and were accused of being against the king. Even in this hard time the Thessalonians loved Jesus and didn’t fall away from their faith. Just as they learned from Paul and Silas. Other Christians could look to the Thessalonians for strength to follow Jesus during a difficult time.”

ASK: What are some ways that we can help each other stand strong? Answers might include praying for each other, using our words to encourage each other, memorizing God’s Word together when we are afraid or tempted, etc.

DO: Finish making your spaghetti together.

PRAY: Before you eat, pray together and thank God for the strength He gives in standing strong together: “We thank you, Lord, for our family. Thank you that we do not have to stand alone. Help us to stand strong together. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.”