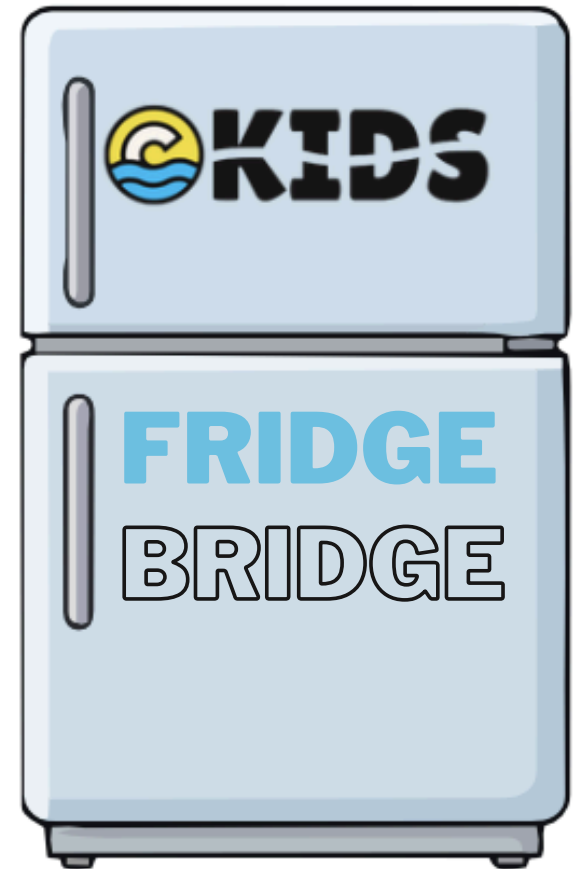


Following Jesus isn't just a one-time event. As we follow Him and learn from him, we are **BUILT UP** into strong boys and girls, men and women of faith. This month kids will learn what happens to us when we let God build his kingdom in us through Obedience, Trust, Repentance, and Strength.

We encourage you to continue the conversation at home. You can do this by looking for everyday opportunities to practice these habits!



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Brick by Brick
Building Followers of Jesus

October 4
Building Obedience
Joshua 6:1-20

When the Israelites faced Jericho, it seemed impenetrable. But they had God on their side. When they obeyed God's instructions, the walls of Jericho crumbled like a pile of building bricks.

Ask Your Child:

What was God's plan to defeat the city of Jericho with their giant wall?

Why did the Israelites obey God's command?

Why is it important for us to obey God's direction?

Family Challenge:

Take a walk around the outside of your home. How many bricks do you see? How many pieces were put together to build your house? How long do you think it took? Ask your kids how following God is like taking on a building project?

Remind Your Child:

It isn't easy to obey God, especially when it feels no one else around us is doing the same, but if we want God to do amazing things, we must remain obedient.

October 11
Building Trust
Jonah 1:1-2:10

God gave instructions for Jonah to preach to the city of Nineveh, but Jonah was consumed with his own desires and went his own way. It wasn't until God sent a fish to swallow him up that Jonah learned how to trust in God.

Ask your child -

Why was Jonah afraid to trust God?

Why did God send the whale to swallow Jonah?

Why is it important to trust God?

Family Challenge:

Try to keep count of how many acts of trust you and your kids do this week. Did you trust the drive thru attendant to give you the correct meal before you left the restaurant? Did you trust that someone packed a good lunch in your lunch box? Did you trust someone to meet you at a restaurant for dinner?

Remind Your Child:

Last week we talked about obeying God's Word. It takes trust to become a faithful, obedient follower.

Memory Verse - Colossians 2:7

Elementary:

"Rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Toddlers & Preschool:

"Rooted and built up in him"

Make it Fun!!!

- Paint a pumpkin with the verse.
- Practice verse with moves -
 - Rooted - stand up tall with feet planted
 - Built up - stack one hand over the other like building blocks
 - In Him - point upward
 - Strengthened - flex arms
 - In faith - point to heart
 - As you were taught - pretend to open book
 - Overflowing - make a big flowing motion up
 - Thankfulness - hold hands together like praying
- Pray it out.

October 18
Building Repentance
Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus lived a sad and lonely life because he was a tax collector who stole a lot of money from people. Because of this not many people liked Zacchaeus. Then one day, Zacchaeus met Jesus. Jesus gave Zacchaeus the chance to put his faith in Him. When Zacchaeus put his faith in Jesus, his life was turned around! Not only did he have a friend in Jesus, but Zacchaeus learned how to be a friend to others as well.

Ask you child:

Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so badly?

How did Zacchaeus show he was sorry for his sins?

Why is it important to say we are sorry and make things right when we sin?

Family Challenge:

Talk to your kids this week about how to handle situations in your family where someone has wronged someone else. What kind of things can you do not only to show you are sorry, but set things right?

Remind Your Child:

Repentance is more than saying, "I'm sorry." It means we take the time to mend relationships and make things right.

October 25
Building Strength
Acts 27:9-44

Even though Paul was a prisoner on a boat, he was strong in the Lord and never lost heart. When everyone around him was panicking about the shipwrecked boat, Paul relied on the confidence and strength that God had given him to get through.

Ask Your Child:

Why was Paul so confident in the midst of a terrible storm?

How can God give us that same strength?

How can our strength make us a witness to other people?

Family Challenge:

Review your family's emergency action plan in case of bad weather. Where do you go if there's bad weather? What makes you confident in your safe place? Ask your kids how God can make them strong and confident when a storm comes their way.

Remind Your Child:

When we let God become our strength, God can make us a witness to others. Our confidence and our faith can lead others to Jesus.