

Family Guide

When the church and family come together to invest in kids, we believe, kids are given the greatest opportunity to build a lasting relationship with Jesus. This guide is meant to help your family further explore the concepts of this week's online kids experience. Spend some intentional time with each other and complete the activities and discussions that are best for your family.



Circle Up 1

Supplies Needed: Art supplies (paper, markers, crayons, etc)

SAY: Today we are going to begin our brand new series called, "The Names of God." Wait a minute-God has more than one name? Names can tell us a lot about a person and give us important information. Quick, let's go around the room and come up with a *nice* nickname for the person on your right. Make sure this nickname describes a part of their personality that you are thankful for (*do activity*).

SAY: God has a few nicknames too, and that's what we'll be learning about in our time together. I hope you can remember your nickname, because we're going to gather up some art supplies and draw a self portrait using the nice nickname we were given (*do activity*).

SAY: Today we learned that one of God's nicknames is, "I Am." Our bottom line will help us remember what that name means. Let's do it together. **Bottom Line:** *God is with us, God is big, and God knows my name!*

Read the Bible 2

Supplies Needed: Bible or Bible App

SAY: Now, we're going to read a true story from the Bible about a time when God spoke to Moses through a burning bush! Let's read it out loud together.

READ Exodus 3:2-14 (**Fun Tip:** have everyone lay on their stomachs or make a fort when retelling the Bible story).

SAY: Wow! Can you imagine if God spoke to you in a burning bush? Let's answer these questions to see what you would do.

- Share a time when you knew that God was with you. How did it make you feel that God was with you in that situation?
 - In our story, Moses asked God what his name was. If you had to come up with a nickname for God what would it be? Why?
 - What are some things we can believe about God?
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Let's Practice

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Supplies Needed: Household items that could be used to create an obstacle course: chairs, string, balloons, newspaper, garbage bags, etc.

SAY: Moses thought there were a lot of obstacles that would prevent him from working with God on His mission to help the Israelites. But Moses learned that God is always with us! Let's play a game to help us learn how we can trust God.

BUILD an obstacle course as a family. Be creative and build things to crawl over, under, or around, and places to step or avoid stepping, etc. **(Fun Tip:** Use things around your house and let the kids build it for you. This would also be a good game to play outdoors.

PLAY the obstacle course game one at a time, having everyone (including adults) go through the course **(Fun Tip:** Play again, but time it).

SAY: God had a way for Moses to get around or through every obstacle that came his way. God will help us, too because, *"God is with us, God is big, and God knows my name!*

Memorize It

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Supplies Needed: Traveling "trophy", scrap paper, pen

SAY: There's a verse in the Bible that tells us how we can trust God in all situations. Say it after me:

"Those who know your name trust in you. . .

"for you, O Lord, do not abandon. . .

"those who search for you. . .

"Psalm 9:10"

PRACTICE saying the verse a couple of more times. **(Fun Tip:** try it out using a different voice or coming up with a song).

FIND something in your house to use as a "traveling trophy" and reward the person who can first recite the memory verse, *from memory*, each day.

WRITE each word of the memory verse on a piece of scrap paper and scramble them up. Work together to put the pieces in the correct order.

(Fun Tip: make 2 sets and split up into teams to see who can correctly order the verse first.

Let's Pray

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Supplies Needed: Prayer journal (notebook or peice of paper, pen)

SAY: Today we learned that one name for God is, "I Am," which means that God is *always* with us. One way we know that God is with us is by praying. God loves it when we talk to Him and He always listens.

ASK your family for any prayer requests. Then pray the following for your family (or ask for a volunteer).

- Thank God that He is always with us.
- That they would trust that God is always with them and to remember that God keeps His promises.

FIND a piece of paper or a notebook to record your family's prayer requests and prayers. Select a different person each week to write what you prayed about as a family. Go back and talk about how God keeps His promises by answering prayers.



YOU just made a difference in your child's life by spending intentional time together in God's word! Yay! Here are some ways you can stay connected to Mountain this week:

- The Mountain Kids Team wants to partner with families. Please feel free to reach out to your Campus Kids Pastor with any questions.
- Remember to stay connected through social media, email, and website updates. Follow our "MTN Families" Facebook page.
- Tune into Facebook for "Bible Story with a Kids Pastor" every night at 7pm.

KEEP kids engaged by doing the following activities:

- **PLAY** "Hot Potato" using a soft household object and music.
- **PLAY** "Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone?"
 - **SAY:** The dog has lost its bone, and it's up to us to help him find it!
 - **HAVE** the group close their eyes.
 - **GIVE** the "bone" to one child to hide in their lap, behind their back, or around them.
 - **HAVE** everyone open their eyes. **SELECT** one child to be the "dog" who is looking for their "bone."
 - **ALLOW** the child 3 guesses to guess who is hiding the "bone."
 - **CONTINUE** playing, allowing different kids to hide the "bone" and be the "dog."