

Parent Guide

Week of April 19

Toddler

Memory Verse:
*Think about things
that are good
and worthy of praise!*

Philippians 4:8b

Bible Time: Read Philippians 4:8-9 Think about what is true and right and pure and beautiful and lovely. **Jesus wants us to think about good things. Beautiful things. What are some good things that you can think of? (My family, tickles, songs, hugs, Jesus).** **How can we please God with the things that we spend time thinking about or doing?** Invite responses. Jesus loves it when we spend time with Him reading the Bible, when we pray, when we sing. Let's thank God for all of the beautiful things that He gives us to think about.

Time to sing: Oh How I Love Jesus!

Oh, how I love Jesus
Oh, how I love Jesus
Because He first loved me

Be Careful Little Eyes

O be careful little eyes what you see
O be careful little eyes what you see
For the Father up above
Is looking down in love
So, be careful little eyes what you see

O be careful little ears what you hear
O be careful little ears what you hear
For the Father up above
Is looking down in love
So, be careful little ears what you hear

O be careful little tongue what you say
O be careful little tongue what you say
For the Father up above
Is looking down in love
So, be careful little tongue what you say

Play Time: Pull out your bubbles and have fun outside with bubbles. See if kids can "pop" bubbles and name something that God has given to us that is lovely, wonderful, beautiful.

Craft Time: Chalk Art

Use blue painter's tape to tape off a shape on your driveway or sidewalk. Allow your toddler to fill in the spaces with different colors of chalk. Remove painter's tape and see the beautiful picture that they have created.



Philippians 4:8-9

Pray: Thank you Jesus, that you love me and that you care about what I see and do!

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Preschool

Memory Verse:
*Think about things
 that are excellent
 and worthy of praise!*

Philippians 4:8b

Bible Time: Read **Philippians 4:8-9** Brothers and sisters, continue to think about what is good and worthy of praise. Think about what is true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected. And do what you learned and received from me—what I told you and what you saw me do. And the God who gives peace will be with you.

Jesus tells us that what we think has a big effect on how we act. When he came to be an example for us, he loved everyone. His thoughts were always about how he could show love and serve others. Just as Jesus taught, we please God with our thoughts.

How can we show love to our friends?
How can we show love to our families?

Activity: Pin Wheel
 Two sheets of paper with different colors
 Ruler
 Scissors
 Paper fastener
 Drinking straw or wooden stick



Directions: Cut out a 6 by 6 inch square (you can make the square larger or smaller) If using a second sheet of paper, cut out the same size square and glue the 2 papers together back to back. Use a ruler to trace a line from corner to corner. Make a mark on each line 1/3 away from the center. Cut along the lines you traced until you reach the 1/3 mark. Bring the edges to the center of the square. Bring the edges to the center of the square. Write words from the memory verse: pure, noble, kind, etc...Make a hole through all 4 edges in the center. Make a small cut into the wooden stick to allow the paper fastener through. Stick the paper fastener (or pin) into a wooden stick or the paper fastener into the straw. Play!!

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Philippians 4:8-9

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Elementary

Memory Verse:

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise

Philippians 4:8b.

Philippians 4:8-9

Bible Time: Read Philippians 4:4-9

We think about things all the time. Sometimes, the things we think about are not so good. According to these verses, what kinds of things should we be thinking about? Are you thinking about those things?

Examine what you put into your mind on a daily basis. Look especially at the media you expose yourself to. Would the songs, movies, television shows, jokes, video games, etc, that you listen to pass the WHATEVER test listed in Philippians 4:8? Ask God to help you only think about the WHATEVERS.

Activity: Help your child draw a picture to illustrate what he should put in his mind. Draw a circle on a piece of paper and let your child draw his facial features and hair on it. Then cut it out. Next, cut a slice out of the top of his head and then glue all the pieces down on another piece of paper . . . but glue the slice that you cut out on a diagonal so that he can draw pictures on the paper in that spot to make it look like he is drawing the things he should be thinking about. Talk with your child about the types of things that he should put into his mind. Then let him draw pictures of those things in his “mind” on the piece of paper!



Make a Thought Check List For Today!

As yourself is what I'm thinking about...

True?

Noble?

Just?

Pure?

Lovely?

Of good report?

Viruas?

Praiseworthy?

If no, STOP and think about something else

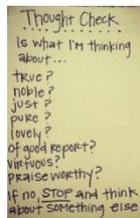


Table Talk: How can your family members encourage one another to think about things that are pure and lovely and excellent and worthy of praise? During dinner one night this week, have all family members think back about the day or the week. Tell each other good thoughts you've had about each family member during the day or the week.

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