

Hi Moms & Dads!

This is an unprecedented time in our cities and our world. But the good news is no matter what happens, Jesus is with you and He is with your children! The NextGen Team is committed to equipping you with the resources you will need to pastor and lead your child during this season. Below you will find resources that will assist you while on this journey:

2 - 5 YEAR OLDS

We recommend using the I Will Follow Jesus Storybook Bible with the younger kids. The stories are simple, short and have fantastic illustrations.

AVAILABLE AT AMAZON

https://www.amazon.com/Will-Follow-Jesus-Bible-Storybook/dp/0718033868/ref=sr_1_2?crid=2KXDSHPQSBJAD&keywords=i+will+follow+jesus+bible+storybook&qid=1584569199&sprefix=i+will+follow+%2Caps%2C573&sr=8-2

6 Strategies for Parenting during the Covid-19 crisis

<https://theparentcue.org/strategies-for-parenting-during-the-covid-19-crisis/>

Parenting during the pandemic

<https://drleaf.com/blogs/news/parenting-during-the-pandemic-tips-on-how-to-help-your-child-ten-deal-with-changes-in-routines-missed-milestones-anxiety-and-fear-and-mental-health-strategies-for-parents-with-child-psychologist-and-parenting-coach-dr-rebecca-schrag-hershberg>

Take part in your child's daily devotional & NextGen Lesson

Each week we will upload a lesson for your child as well as a parent sheet that will help you assist your child through their lesson. Each parent sheet will contain the memory verse as well

as the virtue of the month. (*Side Note: Middle School/High School lessons will also contain discussion questions for you and your child to go over after watching there lesson.

Reviewing Memory Verse

Take a couple of minutes to review the memory verse for the month after each lesson. Take a moment to go over it with your child and repeat. (Kind of like shampoo.) As you go through the week, remind your child about it and maybe review it at dinner time. Ask your child what they think it means! The more we fill our heart with God's word, the more ammunition we have to fight off fear and anxiety!

How to discuss the lesson with your child.

We know one of the obstacles parents can face is how exactly do I create dialogue with my child without it feeling forced or awkward. Below you will find a few starter questions that you can ask to get your child to start the dialogue about the lesson they just watched.

1. What part did you like the most and why?
2. Who were the main characters in our story today?
3. What's one thing that stood out to you about the story?

PRAYER:

1. If they haven't done so yet, ask your child if they want to say yes to Jesus' love and accept him into there hearts.
2. Ask Jesus to show you and your child how valuable you are to Him.
Ex. "Jesus, thank You for making us. You searched for us when we were lost in sin. Then You gave up everything so that we can live our whole lives in relationship with you."

Keep up with our daily DEEEEVOOOOSSSS

DEEEEVOOOOSSSS are daily video devotionals we will be uploading for our kids on our NextGen instagram page ([@changechurchnextgen](https://www.instagram.com/changechurchnextgen)). Make this a daily routine whether first thing in the morning, at lunch, or right before bed to watch the devo together and have a brief discussion.

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Parents we know after a few days you probably ran out of ideas but don't worry we have your back. We created a pinterest board just for you that will provide at home activities/resources that will help you keep things fresh, new, and creative for you and your children.

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