Parent Cue

First Presbyterian Church Sarasota

Week of September 14, 2025

The Big Idea

Following Jesus is the most important decision we'll ever make, so we have to put Him first above everything else.

This Week's Story

Today we learned from **Luke 14:25-33**, where Jesus taught that following Him is a serious decision and we must "count the cost." We also reflected on the story of Samson from **Judges 16:15-31**. Even at his lowest point, Samson prayed for God's strength, and God answered his prayer.

Talk About It

Pre-K to 1st Grade

If you were building a big tower, would you want to make sure you had enough blocks first? Why is it important to be ready before you start something big?

2nd to 3rd Grade

Jesus wants to be the most important part of our lives. What is one way you can show Jesus He is #1 in your heart this week?

4th to 5th Grade

Jesus said we have to "carry our cross." What do you think that means for a kid your age at school or with friends?

Try This At Home

The "First Things First" Jar & Strength Chain

Cut a piece of paper into strips. On each strip, have family members write down something they need God's strength for this week. Link the strips together to make a prayer chain and hang it somewhere you'll see it all week as a reminder to rely on God's strength and put Jesus first.

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Week of September 21, 2025

The Big Idea

God loves us, finds us, and keeps us safe; each of us brings joy to God.

This Week's Story

This week, we learned about "The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin" from **Luke 15:1-10**. The shepherd leaves 99 sheep to find one lost one, showing how important each individual is to God. There is joy in the presence of angels over one sinner who repents.

Talk About It

Pre-K to 1st Grade

How does God feel when someone who is lost comes back to Him?

2nd to 3rd Grade

Why do you think the shepherd left 99 sheep to find one lost sheep? What does this tell you about how important each person is to God?

4th to 5th Grade

How is God's joy like our own when we find something precious we thought we'd lost?

Try This At Home

Lost and Found Joy Jar

Decorate a jar as a family. Throughout the week, write down things you are thankful God helped you find (a lost item, a new friend, an answer to a prayer). Each night, pull one out and share the story of finding and the joy it brought.

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Week of September 28, 2025

The Big Idea

God wants us to listen, open our hearts and hands, and help others.

This Week's Story

This week, we learned about "The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus" from **Luke 16:19-31**. The story teaches us to listen to God, open our hearts and hands, and help those in need, especially those who are suffering, rather than ignoring them.

Talk About It

Pre-K to 1st Grade

The Rich Man had many chances to help Lazarus. What are some simple ways we can help others in need around us?

2nd to 3rd Grade

What are some things we see around us that show someone might need help? What can we do to open our hearts and hands to help them?

4th to 5th Grade

What does it mean to "open your hands and open your heart" in today's world, and how can we practice this in our community?

Try This At Home

Helping Hands

Trace your child's hand on a piece of paper. On each finger, write one way they can use their hands to help someone this week (e.g., share a toy, write a thank you note, pick up litter). Display it as a reminder to open our hands and hearts to others.

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First Presbyterian Church Sarasota

Week of October 12, 2025

The Big Idea

God's love grows in us, and with God, we can do big things because He gives us all the faith we need.

This Week's Story

This week, we explored "A Seed of Faith" from **Luke 17:5-10**. Jesus taught His disciples that even faith as small as a mustard seed can accomplish great things. The lesson reminds us that God's love helps our faith grow, and with that faith, we can do big things.

Talk About It

Pre-K to 1st Grade

What is one "small" thing you can do this week that would show big faith in God, like being kind to someone even if it's hard?

2nd to 3rd Grade

What does a tiny seed growing into a big plant teach us about how our faith can grow, even if it starts small?

4th to 5th Grade

What are everyday situations where we can put our faith into action and trust God for big things, even if we feel our faith is small?

Try This At Home

Growing Faith Tree

On a large piece of paper, draw a tree trunk. Each week, as a family, write down one way your faith has grown on a green leaf-shaped piece of paper and add it to the tree. Watch your "faith tree" grow, showing how even a small seed of faith can become something big with God's love.