FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Parent Cue Collection



Week of October 19 (Genesis 32:22-31)

The Big Idea

God is with us and blesses us, even when we wrestle with big questions.

This Week's Story

This week, we learned about Jacob, who spent a whole night wrestling with a mysterious man who was actually God in disguise! Even though it was hard, Jacob wouldn't let go until he received a blessing. The story shows us that it's okay to struggle with big feelings and questions, because God stays with us through it all.

Talk About It

- **Pre-K to 1st Grade:** Jacob held on tight! When you feel worried, who can you hold on to for a hug?
- **2nd to 3rd Grade:** Wrestling can be tough. What's something that feels like a "wrestle" in your mind sometimes (like a tricky math problem or a disagreement with a friend)?
- **4th to 5th Grade:** Jacob received a new name and a blessing after he wrestled. How can facing a challenge change us for the better?

Try This At Home

Family Blessing Jar: Decorate a jar together. Throughout the week, write down ways you've seen each other be strong or handle a tough situation. On Sunday, read them aloud as "blessings" for each other, celebrating how God helps you through your family's "wrestles."

Week of October 26 (Luke 18:9-14)

The Big Idea

God welcomes us when we are humble and honest about needing help.

This Week's Story

Jesus told a story about two men who went to pray. One man, a Pharisee, stood up and proudly listed all his good deeds. The other, a tax collector, couldn't even look up and simply asked God for mercy. Jesus said God was pleased with the humble tax collector, not the proud Pharisee, teaching us that God loves when we are honest and don't pretend to be perfect.

Talk About It

- **Pre-K to 1st Grade:** The tax collector knew he needed help. What is something you can ask for help with today?
- **2nd to 3rd Grade:** Why do you think it's sometimes hard to admit we made a mistake? How does it feel when you are honest and someone still loves you?
- **4th to 5th Grade:** In the story, one person compared himself to others to feel better. Why is it better to focus on our own relationship with God instead of comparing?

Try This At Home

Humble Hearts: Cut out paper hearts. On one side, have each family member write or draw something they are proud of. On the other side, write something they need God's help with. This reminds us that we are all a mix of strengths and areas where we need grace.

Week of November 2 (Luke 19:1-10)

The Big Idea

Meeting Jesus changes us and inspires us to make things right.

This Week's Story

We learned about a man named Zacchaeus who was too short to see Jesus in a crowd, so he climbed a tree! Zacchaeus was a tax collector who had been unfair, but he wanted to see Jesus. Jesus saw him, called him down, and went to his house. Being with Jesus changed Zacchaeus's heart so much that he promised to give half his money to the poor and pay back anyone he had cheated.

Talk About It

- **Pre-K to 1st Grade:** Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus. What's something exciting you would do to see someone you love?
- **2nd to 3rd Grade:** How did Zacchaeus show that his heart had changed? What are some ways we can show we're sorry and want to make things right?
- **4th to 5th Grade:** Jesus chose to spend time with Zacchaeus, even when others didn't like him. What does this teach us about giving people a second chance?

Try This At Home

"Making it Right" Chart: Create a chart with two columns: "Oops!" and "Let's Fix It." When someone makes a mistake (like spilling milk or saying an unkind word), write it in the "Oops!" column. Then, as a family, brainstorm what to write in the "Let's Fix It" column (e.g., "clean it up," "say sorry and give a hug"). This helps practice the Zacchaeus spirit of making things right.

Week of November 9 (Luke 20:27-38)

The Big Idea

God is the God of the living, and we have hope for life beyond what we see.

This Week's Story

Some people who didn't believe in the resurrection tried to trick Jesus with a silly question about marriage in heaven. Jesus answered them with a powerful truth: God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. He reminded them that great leaders like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are alive with God. This story gives us hope that God's love and life are forever.

Talk About It

- **Pre-K to 1st Grade:** Jesus tells us that even people from long ago are alive with God. God's family is super big! Who is in your family?
- **2nd to 3rd Grade:** What does it mean to you that God is the God of the "living"? How does that make you feel about the future?
- **4th to 5th Grade:** The people asking the question were focused on earthly rules, but Jesus answered with a big idea about God's power. How does focusing on God's love help us worry less about confusing details?

Try This At Home

Hope Blooms: Plant some quick-sprouting seeds (like beans or marigolds) in a small pot. As you water them this week, talk about how even when a seed is buried in the dark, it holds the promise of new life. This is like the hope we have that God is the God of the living, always bringing new life and hope.