

"WHEN YOU WALK BY THE WAY"

Do some activities with your preschooler this week.

Activity: Make a Church

Cut out simple shapes (squares, circles, triangles) from colorful construction paper. Draw a church on a piece of paper for your child. Invite your preschooler to glue shapes within the outline.

SAY: Malachi told people God's words. We come to church to learn about God's words. It is good to love and obey God. GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

Talk to your child about how God used people called prophets to speak to us. Teach your child that "repent" means to "turn away from sin". When we turn away from sin, we turn to God and God receives us because Jesus died to forgive us. God loves us.

"WHEN YOU LIE DOWN"

Use this prayer at bedtime and asking for God's blessing over your children, your home and your family. Look up the song on iTunes to learn the melody.

A Song to sing over your children: TRUST AND OBEY

Trust and obey (salute)

For there's no other way (cross arms in front of body)

To be happy in Jesus (move fingers to make happy smile at mouth)

But to trust and obey (salute)

Words to pray over your children: PSALM 116:5-7

The Lord is holy and kind.

Our God is full of tender love.

The Lord takes care of those who are not aware of danger.

When I was in great need, he saved me.

I said to myself, "Be calm.

The Lord has been good to me."



Malachi the Prophet

Malachi 1-4

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE?

This Field Guide is designed to equip parents for discipleship at home in the tradition of Deuteronomy 6:7-9. It will give you ideas to keep you and your kids focused on Jesus through the day and week. It works together with our Gospel Project Curriculum during Sunday morning Kids Ministry.

WEEKLY RECAP

Bible Story: Malachi the prophet

Gospel Gems

Malachi told people God's words

God said he would send the Messiah

God said he would send Jesus

"WHEN YOU WAKE UP"

Practice the memory verse each morning with your little ones and create actions to go along with the words. Thank God for his word and ask him to help you and your kids focus on his love this week. Kids who complete their memory verse will receive a prize on Celebration Sundays.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

- Mark 1:15

"WHEN YOU SIT IN YOUR HOUSE"

Find a good storybook Bible to read this week's story to your child. We recommend the Big Picture Interactive Storybook Bible or the Jesus Storybook Bible. If you don't have a storybook Bible, read the following story summary and then have your child doodle:

God's people were home in Judah. God loved His people, and He wanted them to love and obey Him. God sent a man named Malachi to give the people a message. The priests were not giving the best gifts to God. The priests were also teaching wrong things about God. God told the priests, "Your job is to help people love Me, but you are not doing that." God said He would send someone to get people ready for the Messiah, the special King. The Messiah would tell people about God's plan to rescue them. Until then, God would be quiet for a long time. Many years later, Jesus came to earth like God promised.

Doodle a picture of John the Baptist next to Malachi. Malachi looked forward to a day when God would send a messenger who would prepare people for Jesus.



Trace the path from Malachi to John the Baptist to Jesus

