

Our Family's Adventure Anchored in Christ

October 2016

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Adventure

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Read Proverbs 1:1-7; 4:1-9; 10:17; 18:15 and discuss:

- What is your favorite subject in school? (If you are no longer in school, you can remember your favorite subject from a particular age.) Why do you like learning about this area? What is your least favorite subject? Why?
- What are some of the ways that we are learning when we are not in school or at work?
- How do we learn about our faith?
- What are two important “faith questions” that you would like to learn more about?

In Christ

- Is there an after-school program in your town that needs volunteers? Maybe you can dedicate one day/week (or month) to helping youth learn their schoolwork.
- Is there not an after-school program in your town? Maybe your congregation would like to start a once/week “study hour” where volunteers can help church kids with their homework. Even better, as an outreach ministry, open the study hour up to the community!
- Ask your child (or youth you mentor; your nephew; etc) to teach you more about something that you see they are passionate about. Then practice that thing together so that you learn to do it (reasonably!!) well.

Close in Prayer: Pray your own prayer, or use this one:

Dear God, Life is full of transition and change. Changes that are fun and life-giving, and also changes that wear us out and are difficult. Help us to know you are with us throughout everything – giving us strength through all things. Thank you for being constant strength in our lives. Help us to be strength for each other – with you working through us to care for one another. Amen.

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