

Think Tank: Put Your Knowledge to the Test

Knowledge is learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.



Bible Story

John the Baptist in Prison

Matthew 11:1-6

If you don't understand something, ask.

MEMORY VERSE

“The Lord gives wisdom.
Knowledge and understanding
come from his mouth.”
Proverbs 2:6, NIV



Weekly Cues



Elementary

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, ask your kid if they could teach you how to do something that they know (like play a video game, draw, whatever). Make sure you carve out time to make it happen.



Meal Time

At a meal, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What questions do you have about God, Jesus, faith, etc.?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What is something you've always wanted to ask me about my work, my past, my faith, etc.?"



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, you are bigger than we can imagine and there are some things that we just don't understand. Help us to ask for help when we need it, and to trust You for the things only You can answer."



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Read: Psalm 32:8

DAY
1

Questions Lead to Knowledge

Asking questions allows you to learn. The more questions you ask, the more you learn. Think of 3-5 questions that you can ask someone in your house to get to know them better!

LISTEN to others to learn more about them and the world around you.

DAY
3

Guide You and Advise You

In this week's verse we read how God will guide, teach, give advice, and love us. Read this week's verse out loud or have someone read it to you. What does this verse make you feel or think of? Can you count on God to always help you? Why?

LOOK for ways to let God guide you this week.

DAY
2

Where Am I Going?

With a family member, take turns being a guide. Choose a wide-open place in or around your house. One person will close their eyes and spin around 5 times, the other person will be the "wise one". The one with their eyes closed will ask the "wise one" questions about how they can safely get from one side of the room to the other without bumping into anything!

KNOW that asking questions will help guide you to wisdom.

DAY
4

Ask For Questions, Look for Answers

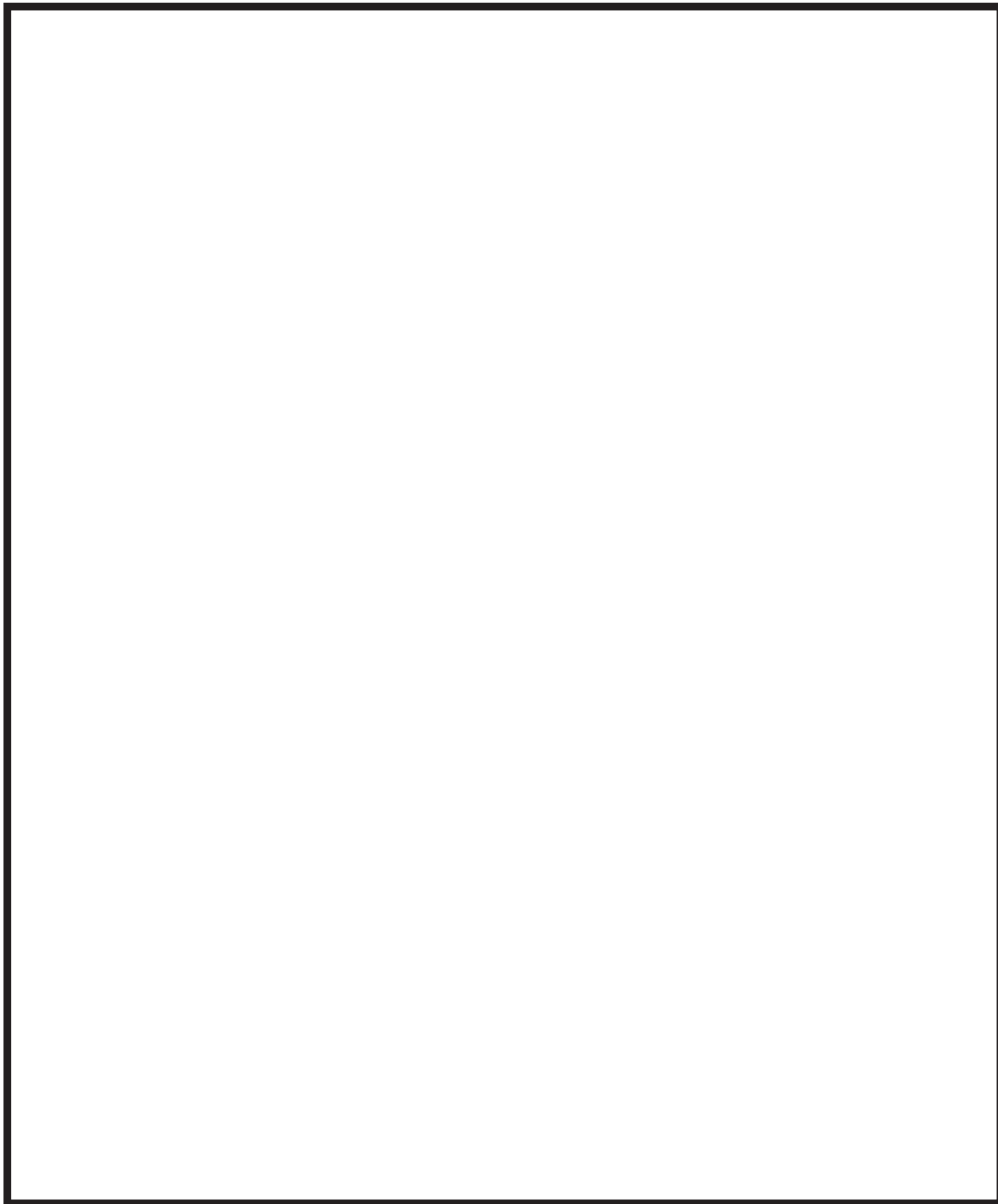
God wants to hear all of our questions. When we pray and read the Bible, we will have a lot of our questions answered. We can also talk to others to see what they know, and learn from them. Pray and talk to God about what He can teach us.

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"Dear God, thank you for all that you have taught me. I pray that I can always go to you first when I have questions or need advice. I know you will always show me what I need to know. God, I also pray that you will put wise people in my life that I can learn from. I love you, God. Amen"

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THANK God for advice from others to help you.

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This is a question box. Draw a picture or write a question that you might have. Feel free to add to it any time you have a question. After you are done, ask someone to help you find the answer.



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DAY 1

Read Matthew 11:3-6

When John’s followers came to Jesus, they wanted to know one thing: Are you really the one we’ve been waiting for, the one who’s come to save us? Jesus’ reply is so clear: “Tell John what you’ve seen and heard!”

- Blind people seeing.
- Lame people walking.
- Diseased and hurting people made clean.
- Deaf people hearing.
- The dead raised to life.
- Good news preached to the poor.

By performing all of these miracles, Jesus was doing exactly what the Hebrew Scriptures said the Messiah would do.

Grab a piece of paper and draw a big outline of a question mark in the center of the page. Think about something you’re worried or unsure about. Write a word or two about that situation or the people involved inside the question mark. Then pray and remember that you can trust God no matter what.



DAY 2

Read Proverbs 11:14

Did you know that that many government leaders select wise people to help them lead the nation? These people don’t govern or create laws, all they do is give advice to the president, prime minister, or king.

It’s never a bad idea to choose a few people in your life that you can go to for help and guidance. Choose people you trust, that love you and love God. Can you name three people that can advise you? Write their names below.



My Cabinet of Wisdom

1.
2.
3.

When you have questions about your faith, it’s always a good idea to talk to people you know and trust that have been following God a bit longer than you. If you don’t understand something, ask.

DAY 3

Read Mark 9:24

In this story, a father came to Jesus begging for help for his son. He believed Jesus had the power to help. But that didn't change the fact that this father had watched his son suffer his whole life. He believed and yet he still doubted that things would actually get better for his son.

We can be like that too. We have faith but that doesn't mean we don't have questions. The man cried, "Help my unbelief" and we can too. God gave you the ability to ask questions, to seek answers, to be curious and to dig deeper.

Grab an index card. Write "BELIEF" on one side and "UNBELIEF" on the other. Each time you sit down to read these devos this week, flip to the side that best describes how you're feeling in that moment. If you have a question or if something has happened that doesn't make sense, ask God to help you find someone who can help you with your questions.

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DAY 4

Read Proverbs 2:6

Who do you ask?

When you have a homework question, who do you ask?
C T R H E E A

When you have a question about a soccer play, who do you ask?
C C H A O

When you don't understand the rhythm of your new song for piano, who do you ask?
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A P I O N R E T C H A E

When you want to know what's for dinner, who do you ask?
T P E N R A

When you need wisdom, who should you ask?
O D G



God made everything. God even made you with the ability to ask questions so that you can learn and grow. You can always look to God to help you when you need guidance.

You really can't learn new things if you aren't willing to ask questions, to admit that you don't know everything. Go to the source and ask God for knowledge and understanding!