

# 1 THESSALONIANS: FAITH. LOVE. HOPE.



## Week Eleven: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

### To Parents

*You are the primary discipler/equiper of your kid(s). This is evident now more than ever as we are in the strange season of this stay-at-home order. We pray this document helps equip you in training your child(ren) to grow in the knowledge of the glory and love of our great God!*

### April Memory Verse

*John 11:25, "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.'"*

### Getting Started

- **Big Idea:** No matter what we experience we can rejoice that Jesus will return and make all things right.
- **Starter Activity:** What are some things you are thankful for? Write them down. What are some things that make you mad or sad? Write those down. Do the bad things make the good things untrue? Can you find ways the bad things can actually be turned into good things to be thankful for?

## Sing Together

### Thankful

Visit this Youtube link: [https://youtu.be/U\\_ewLEvA8\\_o](https://youtu.be/U_ewLEvA8_o)

## Story/Scripture

At the end of Paul's letter to the Thessalonian church, he had a few more things he wanted to make sure they knew. He wanted them to respect and appreciate their leaders who were continuing to lead them to Jesus. He wanted them to be patient with one another; to warn those who were lazy and not helping the community, to comfort those who were tired and discouraged, and to help those who were weak to do it themselves. Most importantly, he wanted them to remember that no matter what was going on, they had a good reason to rejoice always, to pray constantly, and to be thankful in all circumstances. He said this was God's will for them, in Christ Jesus.

How could they rejoice and be thankful when so many people were being mean and even hurting them for following Jesus? Paul reminded them to hold onto God's word and stay connected to God's Spirit. Remember the True Story! And remember that Jesus is coming back! The work God started in you and in the world - He is faithful to finish it!

If you are in Christ, then no matter what circumstance you are in you have God's Spirit with you, you have Jesus' righteousness and peace with you, and you have God's love inside you. That means no matter what, you have a lot to be thankful for and to rejoice in. This is what it means to pray constantly - to always be aware that God is present with you. So remember, Jesus is coming back to make all things right and good. Rejoice!

*[Dialogue Questions - suggestions for families to discuss]*

- What do you think it means to rejoice? Is this different from just being happy?
- What reasons do you have to rejoice in life right now?
- What are some ways you can show that you are thankful for what God has done in the world?

## Prayer

God, thank you that no matter what we experience, we can trust in the hope that Jesus is coming back to make all things right. Help us to rejoice in that good news! Amen.

## Activities

- **Craft/Worksheet:**

- *Use the notes worksheet attached for kids to take notes during the story/scripture*
- *Use the coloring page at the end of this PDF for kids to do after the lesson*

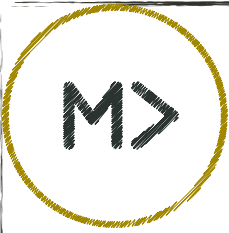
- **BLESS Activity:**

*\*For kids to do during the week\**

Because this Story is true, we want to be faithful to live in it. We ask the Spirit to help us to *Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, and Sabbath* (rest & celebrate) in ways that tell the good news of God's Story.

This week, focus on the **Listen** rhythm.

Praying constantly means we are always aware that the Spirit of God is with us and we can listen to Him at all times. Take some special time this week to sit quietly and listen to God. Ask Him to speak to you.

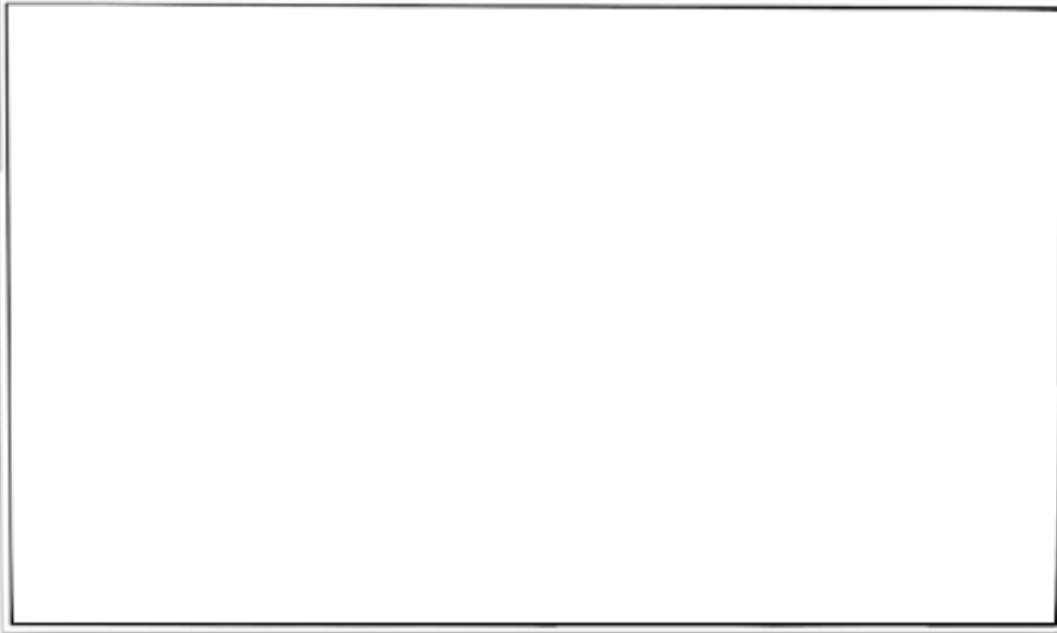


**M> Kids**  
Sermon Notes

Words you heard  
but don't know:



Draw a picture from the teaching or one of the songs:



**BIBLE PASSAGE:**

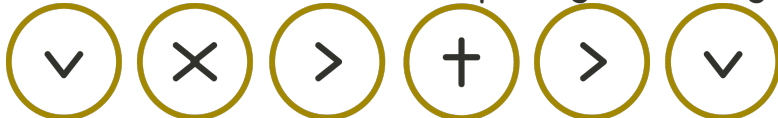
WHAT IS THE  
**BIG IDEA** OF  
THE TEACHING?



WHAT CAN YOUR  
FAMILY BE  
**PRAYING** ABOUT?

### THE TRUE STORY

Color the circle where this passage is taking place in the Story



QUESTIONS FROM THE TEACHING:

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**1**

**WHO IS GOD?**

**2**

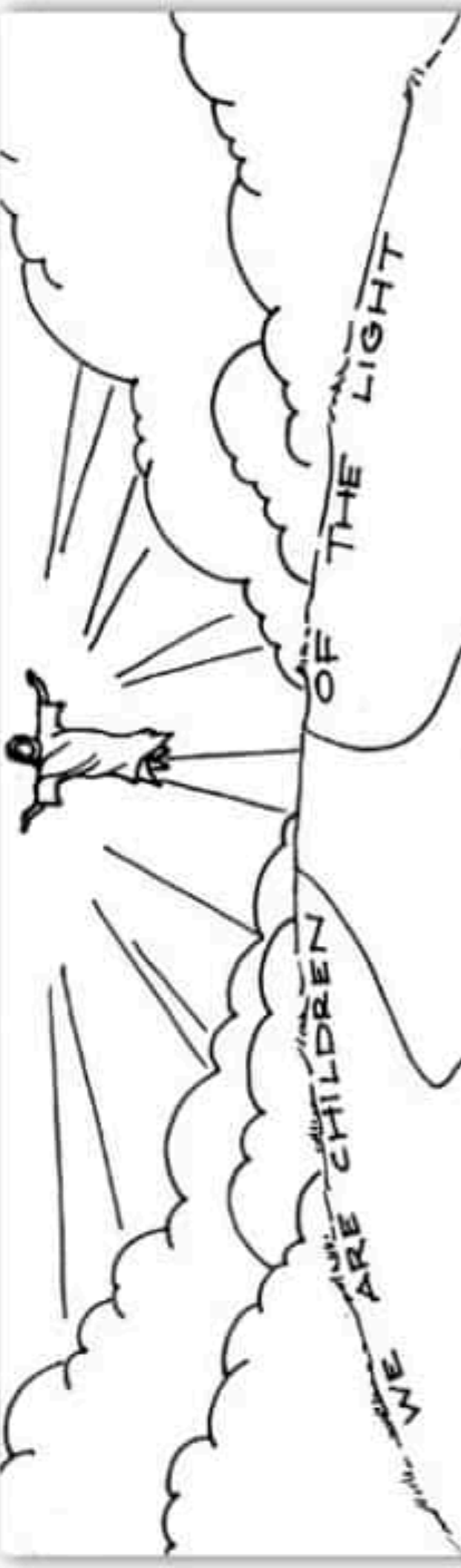
**WHAT HAS HE DONE?**

**3**

**WHO ARE WE?**

**4**

**HOW CAN WE LIVE?**



WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

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Rejoice Always



Without Ceasing



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