

## Family Battle Plan

# A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 4: Bible

Older Preschool

Theme Verse

"The Word of God remains forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

**Objective** 

Everything in the Bible is true.

### Teach

Is it hard to tell the truth? What makes it so hard? What is the opposite of truth? Would you rather hear the truth or a lie? Why? The Bible talks about an eight-year-old, Josiah, who became a king. How would you like to be king or a president? Do you think you could make wise decisions and rule over a country? The Bible talks about how Josiah loved God. He wanted the people to love God.

In his 18th year of being king, Josiah gave orders to repair the temple church. While the workers were cleaning the temple and making repairs, they found a type of book, called a scroll. They gave the scroll to the priest, Hilkiah, who knew King Josiah would want to see it. So, Hilkiah sent the scroll to the king. When the king's helper read God's Book to him, Josiah became very upset. He even tore his clothes, which in those days was a sign that he was very sad and upset. By hearing the words written on the scroll, Josiah learned of God's laws for His people and knew they were not following those laws. Josiah sent men to talk to Huldah, the prophetess, about what God was going to do if they did not begin following the laws. She said some very bad things would happen to them because they were not following the teaching in God's Word; it would not happen during King Josiah's reign because he believed God and followed the teachings in God's Word.

King Josiah called the people together and read the scroll, which is now part of the Bible, to the people at the temple. The king said he was going to follow all of God's teachings and laws, and the people said that they would too. They did this because they knew God's Word is true. Our Bible verse today is Isaiah 40:8, *"The Word of God remains forever."* Although the Bible scroll had been lost in the temple for many years, King Josiah knew God's Word was true, and He knew how important it was to trust and obey it.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. How old was King Josiah when he became king? (Eight)
- 2. When they were repairing the temple church, what did they find and bring to King Josiah? (Bible scroll)
- 3. If you found something like this, who would you take it to, and why?
- 4. We know that everything in the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_. (True)
- 5. Practice memorizing Isaiah 40:8.

## Play

"Button, Button, Who Has the Button?"

Items needed:

**Button or Coin** 

Directions:

Sit in a circle or around the table. Designate one person to be "It." Have everyone close their eyes and hold out their hand, while you walk around the circle. Drop the button in one person's hand. Once you are back at your seat, instruct everyone to close their hands and pretend they have the button. Then tell everyone to open their eyes and look around at the other family members. All family members should pretend to either have or not have the button without showing the button. "It" will guess who has the button. If he/she is correct, he/she will be the next one to pass off the button. If he/she is wrong, allow him/her to guess one more time. If he/she is still wrong, pick someone else to be "It" and reveal the one who had the button.

#### Sing

"The B-I-B-L-E" (Go Fish)

#### Live it Out

It is not always easy to tell who has the button (the truth), but we can always trust that God's Word is true because the Bible is complete truth. We know when we have problems or need an answer to a question, we can count on God's Word, the Bible, to give us the right answer. His Word remains true forever.

# **Closing Prayer**

Dear Jesus, it is hard to always tell the truth. Help me to be brave and always answer truthfully. Help me to know that Your Word is true and never changes. Please help me to read my Bible every day and believe You and trust You. Thank You! Amen.