

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

BIBLE STORY:

Hebrews 12-13

BIBLE VERSE:

Hebrews 13:20-21

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

*God helps people know what to do. (BT)
God helps people know how to please Him and
be like Jesus. (P)*

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*We should focus on following Jesus. (YK)
We must resist sin and stay focused on Jesus,
the source of our faith. (OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Romans 13:1-14

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 13:10

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Romans 15:1-3*

MONDAY: *Romans 15:4-6*

TUESDAY: *Romans 15:7-13*

WEDNESDAY: *Romans 15:14-16*

THURSDAY: *Romans 15:17-19*

FRIDAY: *Romans 15:20-21*

SATURDAY: *Romans 15:22-29*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Hebrews and Romans together as a family:



- **Live like Jesus.** The Book of Hebrews continuously reminds its readers to live like Jesus. Hebrews 12 also records that the faithful example of the people who lived previously, namely those mentioned in Hebrews 11, should also serve as examples for our lives. Living with the same type of faith those people displayed should encourage believers to boldly share the message of hope that comes through Jesus Christ.
- **Be obedient.** Faith is not the only necessity in our walk with God. God also wants us to be obedient to the things He asks of us. As Jesus was obedient even unto death, believers need to be obedient to the things God calls them to do. When obedience is key, God brings us closer to Him and spiritually shapes us to be more like Jesus.
- **Practical applications.** The Bible is full of practical applications that will help believers walk the straight line of obedience to God. The writer of Hebrews also shared some practical advice when the Hebrews were encouraged to live in peace with all people. Paul earlier identified that peace comes through the sacrifice of Christ and through Jesus' death, we can have peace. Exhibiting that peace through love to others and not instigating conflict will bring people to a closer walk with God. God is the author of peace, not conflict.
- **Be the example.** Paul echoed for the Romans the Hebrews writer's admonition to live in peace. Through peace, a believer can be known as someone who represents Christ to neighbors, friends, and coworkers. Paul called the Romans to be good citizens in their communities by being involved and fulfilling their obligations as good citizens. One way Paul told the believers they could do this was by showing love to those who lived around them. Showing Christlike love for other people will let others know of a believers commitment to follow God and desire to be like Him.

THINGS TO KNOW AND DO

SESSION 12

Text Truth: God helps people know how to please Him and be like Jesus.

Bible Verse: May God equip you with everything to do his will, working in us what is pleasing. Hebrews 13:20-21

Bible Verse Paraphrase: God will help you do what He wants you to do. Hebrews 13:20-21

For Kids and Parents

HEBREWS 12-13

Jesus never gave up. Even when people said mean or untrue things or argued or tried to hurt Him, Jesus kept on doing what God sent Him to do.

The person who wrote the Book of Hebrews wanted people to be like Jesus and be strong. The writer said, "Stay in the race and don't quit. Keep looking ahead and thinking about Jesus. He is our example."

Jesus obeyed God and did everything God said to do. The Hebrews writer said we should do that as well. "You are children to God. He will guide you and help you know how to live."

The Hebrews' writer named other things people should do to please God and show they love Him and want to be like Jesus—

- Be kind and peaceful. Don't be angry.
- Love one another and welcome people.
- Be happy with what you have.
- Respect your leaders who love Jesus.
- Praise God.
- Do what is good.

