

U18 FAMILY PACKET

Introduction

Thank you so much for using our family curriculum. We are in wildly strange times. Therefore, we are going to need to work together to help teach, invite, and form our children into the people of God. We want you to know that we are praying for you. We are staying up super late trying to figure out creative ways to help support you all. This family packet is our first idea. We are not professional video designers or podcast hosts, therefore we are going to need your feedback on what works and what doesn't. Consider this an open invitation to help us craft our Redemption Church U18 family curriculum.

Before you go any further. Please go [here](#) and read our overview on how to use this curriculum.

- **Youth Ministry:** We would encourage you to share this document with your student, and ask them to carve out some time to read over it on their own. Please follow up and ask how it went. It will also be important that they sit and watch the Sunday worship service with the family. The text will be the same.
- **Club 56:** You will only need this document to use the Club 56 material. We encourage you to use this at a meal. You can read the text, ask the questions, and share the personal note from their Club 56 table at the table.
- **Elementary:** You will need a laptop, tablet, or phone to watch the video story on YouTube. Try watching this story in the morning or before bed. Watch the video with your child. Feel free to talk about the story.
- **Preschool:** You will need a laptop, tablet, or phone to watch the video story on YouTube. Try watching this story before nap time so your preschooler can settle into a space. Watch the video with your child and feel free to talk about the story.

Youth Ministry

Story | Find a quiet place to read.

Read: John 10:1-10: 1“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Wondering Question

For you to think about first, and then to ask your family: Why would this story be so important that generations of Christians passed it on and eventually wrote it down? What was it about this story that spoke to them? Who might you connect with in the story?

Club 56

Story | Read the text out loud with a Bible and then read the summary together.

READ: Ephesians 2: 8-9 Paul's pronouncement that grace was given, not earned, was momentous.. The good that we accomplish is a result of what God has done for us. Doing good stuff is not the means of our salvation, no matter how great we may sometimes appear. Doing good is in response to our salvation.

Connection Questions

- What is the best gift you've ever received? What about the best gift you've ever given?
- Would you rather earn something or receive it as a gift? Why?
- Do you think anyone is too evil to receive the gift of God's grace? Why or why not?

Practice: Sometimes a gift is harder to receive than to give. Have each member of your family give a gift to the other this week --- a kind word or a chore done joyfully. Practice saying, "Thanks be to God!" in response.

A Thought From Your Club 56 Teacher: Karl Laufenberg "Mr. Blow Pop"

Shalom Club 56! I really do miss hanging out with you guys on Sunday mornings. Talking about God and His Ministry while enjoying a sucker and having fun. I hope that you are enjoying the time away from school and I hope that you are being helpful around the house. Recently I have been walking my two big dogs (Finnley and Baron) everyday and started redoing my deck. Today's lesson is an important one. Remember that Jesus loves you EXACTLY as you are today. If you're anything like me, there have been times in your life where you may have felt that you needed to act or behave differently...better...to earn God's love and grace. That isn't true. You are already loved exactly as you are today and you always have been and always will be loved by God. God doesn't have grandchildren. He only has His children. Meaning that you, your parents, Cole, all of your Club 56 leaders are all God's kids whom He loves unconditionally. I hope that you have a great week and I can't wait to see your faces again and don't forget that I'm still the reigning rock,paper, scissor champion! Who is going to dethrone me and be the next Club 56 R.P.S. Champion ;) Peace, Love and Blessings to you all!

Love,

Karl L

Elementary Ministry

A Note From Valerie:

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the Season of Easter, it is also a Sacred Space Sunday. [In our video](#) this week Jenny Evans tells about the history and curation of sacred space at Redemption.

Preschool Ministry

Story | Your story will be found on [YouTube Kids](#)

Set up a space for your preschool child to sit and watch Nicole Green tell the story.

Wondering Questions

- I wonder if you have ever come close to the table?
- I wonder where the table could really be?
- I wonder if the people are happy around this table?
- I wonder if you have ever heard the words of the Good Shepherd?
- I wonder if you have ever come close to the bread and the wine?
- I wonder where this whole place could really be?

A Note From Nicole:

I hope you enjoyed this week's story. May the Lord guide us to the green pasture. May the Lord lead us to the table of the Good Shepherd and may we welcome everyone.