

# U18 FAMILY PACKET

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## 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 14:1-14:** 14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

### 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: Romans 5:1-11**

God's love is so great that Jesus was willing to die for us while we were still sinners. The cross is the cornerstone of hope! We find hope in the story of the cross because the cross leads to resurrection. We are constantly linked to Jesus, no matter what suffering we face.

### 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: It's easy to brag about the great things we've done. At the next meal you eat together, share a mistake you've made or a hard situation you've been in. Remember together that our God can redeem all things!

### **A Thought From Your Club 56 Teacher: Beth Davis**

Hey Club 56 kids: First it's Mother's day so make sure you are being extra good and nice to all the mamas out there! Second it was great to get to see some of you on the Club 56 Zoom call, seeing your faces and getting to learn more about you was a great start to the week I loved getting to laugh and smile with each of you. In today's lesson we find hope in the story of the cross because the cross leads to resurrection. Even if we suffer in this life, the cross reminds us that even through our suffering God is still at work in our lives. We are constantly linked to Jesus, no matter what we face. This makes me think of the times we are in now and how different our lives have changed and let's be honest this is not exactly what we all were expecting, not having our normal routines, friends and school has made us feel uncertain at times but knowing God is right there beside us encourages me so much! I'm praying for each and every one of you can't wait to see you again.

With Love,

Beth

# Elementary Ministry

## Story Video

After Jesus wasn't with them any more his followers and friends began meeting together. They gathered in each other's homes to remember Jesus' teachings, to pray, and to eat meals together. They were always ready to lend a hand to those who needed help.

This was the beginning of the first Christian church. Soon more and more people came to find out about Jesus. Soon more and more people wanted to learn how to live in the way that Jesus taught.

The church leaders realized that they needed more people to tell the story about Jesus and say the prayers. They needed more people to care for all those who needed help.

So they asked some of Jesus' followers to be part of a special group of leaders called deacons. They chose people who were full of faith and God's Spirit.

One of those people was named Stephen.

When people were sick, Stephen cared for them. When people were hungry, Stephen took them food.

When people didn't have enough to wear, Stephen gave them some clothes.

When people were very poor, Stephen gave them some money.

When people were lonely, Stephen visited them. Stephen told everyone he met about Jesus.

Stephen helped to build up the church community by talking about God's love and showing God's love in action, just as Jesus did.

## 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 which of these colors you like best?
- I wonder how the colors make you feel?
- I wonder which color is most important?
- I wonder if you have seen these colors anywhere else at church or in your home?
- I wonder who changes the colors?
- I wonder why the church tells time with colors?