

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

MBC Update: May 31, 2020

With a desire to love God supremely and love our neighbors selflessly amidst a global pandemic, we have prayerfully decided to gather online each Sunday for worship until further notice. We eagerly invite you to worship with us online at mcleanbible.org at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, or 5 pm each Sunday, and to invite your children to join us, as well. Please see the template for “Sermon notes for kids” here, that can help older kids engage with the message. In addition, until further notice, all MBC buildings (at all our locations) remain closed. More information about this, and the most recent updates, are available at mcleanbible.org/coronavirus.

In addition to our online worship gatherings, we want to provide resources for parents and guardians to use as you disciple your children during these days. While this season certainly brings some unique challenges (such as teleworking while kids are out of school, or extra unanticipated time together), we really want to encourage families to leverage this time to be together and focus on things of eternal significance. Should you have any questions or issues with the resources and ideas listed below, feel free to contact the children’s ministry department at the MBC location you attend.

CHILDREN’S CURRICULUM ON DEMAND

In this season, we have provided two outlets for families to access children’s curriculum and continue gospel conversations and activities with your kids at home.

The LifeWay Digital Pass

Lifeway’s Digital Pass gives families access to weekly lessons through a fun interactive video, a downloadable coloring and activity page for the kids, and a conversation guide for parents to help the children process what they are learning. If you have not yet accessed the LifeWay Digital Pass, contact the Kid’s Quest or Access team at your MBC location for instructions for accessing this content. Anyone, whether you’re a part of MBC or not, can also download the “Lifeway Kids” app on your mobile device to access additional content and resources.

MBC Family Bible Series

The MBC Family Bible Series includes two videos released weekly on Wednesdays; one video is prepared for Preschoolers and one for Elementary-age children. Each video is approximately 15-20 minutes long as our staff and volunteers lead children through worship, a Bible story, and a fun memory verse activity. The MBC Family Bible Series videos are available via vimeo links sent to our families weekly. If you do not receive the weekly parent emails, please contact the Kid's Quest or Access team at your MBC location. Please note, due to the copyrights of LifeWay, the MBC Family Bible Series videos cannot be posted publicly.

LEAD FAMILY WORSHIP IN YOUR HOME

Family worship is a simple way for families to worship the Lord together through various activities such as singing, praying, and reading God's Word together. We have put together "[A Simple Guide to Family Worship](#)" that provides parents with some helpful thoughts and practical resources on how to lead a family worship service in your own home. You can access that guide [here](#). Don't feel intimidated! This practice can turn into a wonderful daily or weekly rhythm that draws your family closer to the Lord and each other.

USE OUR FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDES BASED ON THE BIBLE READING PLAN

As our church continues to walk through the scriptures in our Bible reading plan, we will be posting "Family Discussion Questions" each week to aid your daily devotional time with your family whether you are at home, on the road, during meals, or before bedtime. These questions will be posted every week on Sunday [here](#).

ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

As we develop questions related to the sermon for adult groups each week, we are encouraging our students to process those questions with their families and small groups as well. Our Rock team is also working on ways for our students to connect digitally with their small groups throughout the week. We also highly encourage families to involve their children of all ages and abilities (including students!) in family worship during the week. Students that are currently connected to the Rock will be receiving further instructions via email and social media on how they can stay connected in the days to come. If you have further questions related to students, please reach out to the student department at the campus you attend.