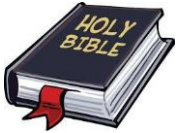




DEAR PARENTS

We praise God for enabling us to meet after what seems like a forever virtual church meeting. We hope and pray that attending worship service as a family, at home, as well as at church has been an amazing learning experience for your family. In our attempt to assist you to follow today's teaching, we have suggested the following ...

Today's teaching is from the book of 2 Corinthians- Chapter 4. Before the service begins when you are getting ready to worship or on the way to church, it would be good to encourage your children to follow the worship service attentively: praying, participating in singing and listening attentively to the Bible teaching.



One way to do this is to let each person in the family have a Bible of their own, even those who cannot read. (If you do not have it today make a note of this for next Sunday) When there is a chapter, or a verse to be read, let those who can read find the verse/the chapter and follow the reading. This would help them to be familiar with the books of the Bible.

Help the younger ones who cannot read find the scripture reading and let them hold it while it's been read. It would help to create a desire to want to know their Bible.



Another way to help your family actively participate in the service is to encourage the older kids to take notes and the younger ones to use the coloring picture that you will find at the end of this page or to draw a picture of the teaching. (Bringing a note book would be a good way to encourage to develop this habit)



On the way home or at home, take time to discuss the teaching with your children the main points of the teaching as to how it applies to your family's life. If the children have not understood the message, the following questions will help to revise the main points. Both the **REVIEW** and **APPLICATION** questions are suggestions. You can use all, a couple, or none.

Review points

From which book of the Bible and chapter has Pastor Arnell taught us today?

- Brainstorm the three reasons that Pastor Arnell explained that brought discouragement to Paul.
- [(1. read verse 3 – people did not understand his message), (2. read verse 8 – he felt weak), (3. read verse 16 – outwardly wasting away – trouble all around him)]
- Discuss how he overcome his discouragement ? [(1. read verse 6 relying on God to open the heart of the unbelievers), (2. read verses 7 & 14)]

Application points

- Discuss as a family the times that you have been discouraged and what you did about it .
- Based on what we heard today, what do you think you need to do next time when you feel discouraged?



If your children are old enough, discuss Paul's use of this metaphor "treasures in Jars of clay". In order to help you understand further, you might want to read the use of clay pot during that time using this link -

<https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-artifacts/artifacts-and-the-bible/treasures-in-clay-jars/>

or make your own family research and discuss how it relates with the message of 2 Corinthians 4:7 –11



...but we have this offering to you in clay...

2 CORINTHIANS

BUT WE HAVE
THIS TREASURE in
JARS OF CLAY TO
SHOW THAT THIS ALL
SURPASSING
POWER IS
FROM GOD
AND NOT
FROM US
2 COR. 4:7



