

THRIVE

The Echoing Voice

Parent Conversation Guide
Friday, September 24, 2021

Key Activities

Last week we focused on 1 John 4:7-8. *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.* Today we recapped what students learned in their small groups. The feedback from the group was impressive. After the weekly recap, we dove directly into the activity for the day. The theme was "The Amazing Race Mysteries." Student were placed in pairs and had to experience a series of challenges. The challenges were designed for the student to depend on one another to complete. We challenged the students both mentally and physically with riddles, physical activities, geometric puzzles, and group projects. During each challenges students gain access to letters that held the key to the mystery box. The team that worked best together won and was able to open the mystery box. The goal of the activities was to allow students to experience the importance of partnership. The lesson focused on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (seen below). The fundamental key to any positive partnership such as marriage, friendship, careers, etc. starts with understanding how to build healthy relationships. We attempted to begin the process of teaching the students how Christ has instructed us to build healthy relationships and work WITH one another toward common goals, relying on each other's strengths and abilities.

Key Scripture

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:
10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. but how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered two can defend themselves. **A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.**

This year's Theme

ROMANS 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **Love one another with brotherly affection.** Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality...

Key Discussion Questions

Follow up Discussion (ask your student)

- What was Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 about?
- How does love plays a part in having positive and effective relationships?
- How do we get over the imperfections of humans in relationships?
- What is one relationship in your life that you would like to improve?
 - What is 1 step you can take?
 - What's keeping you from taking that step?

Daily Follow up

- What's something you did today to improve or build a positive relationship?

