

A close-up photograph of a fountain pen with a gold and black finish, resting on a piece of paper with handwritten text. The pen is the central focus, with its nib pointing towards the bottom right. In the background, another pen is visible, slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is soft and warm.

# INVITATION

## FAMILY DEVO



# INVITATION WEEK 2:

## WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?

Those IN Christ are known by the fruit of faith, love, and hope based in the Gospel of Truth



**Read Colossians 1:3-8 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



### **Pre-School**

- What do you know about God?
- How can we not get tangled up in a web of lies?



### **Elementary**

- What are some true things you know about God?
- What are some true things you know about yourself?



### **Students**

- What things do you believe to be true about God?
- What makes it hard to believe in those things sometimes?

## PARENTS

Look up the song "Creed" by Rich Mullins.  
Listen to this song as a family.

# INVITATION WEEK 3:

## THE WAY WE WALK

Those IN Christ are filled with knowledge, wisdom, and understanding so that they can walk worthy of the Lord.



**Read Colossians 1:9-11 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



### **Pre-School**

- How does God help you know right from wrong?
- If you do something wrong, can you go to God to ask for forgiveness?



### **Elementary**

- What does it mean to be Righteous? (*Being right before God*)
- What are some ways you can be IN Christ or Righteous?



### **Students**

- What does it mean to you to “live a life worthy of the Lord”?
- What are some ways in your daily life you can live IN Christ?

## PARENTS

**This week during a family dinner time, take some time to talk about what each person is learning about God right now.**

# INVITATION WEEK 4:

## THE KINGDOM OF THE BELOVED SON

Being IN Christ gives us inheritance in the light, and citizenship in the Kingdom of the Beloved Son.



**Read Colossian 1:12-14 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



### **Pre-School**

- What does inheritance mean?
- What does our hope in salvation protect us from? (*Satan's lies*)
- Do you believe Jesus is your Lord and Savior?  
Talk about accepting Jesus.



### **Elementary**

- How do you know you are living IN Christ?
- If someone asked you why you are different because Christ is IN you, what could you tell them? (*Maybe share your story here?*)



### **Students**

- What does it mean to be a citizen of the world?
- What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom?
- How can you live as a citizen of the kingdom instead of the world?

## PARENTS

**As a family, share your testimony with each other.  
How and when did you become a Christian?**

# INVITATION WEEK 5:

## PREEMINENT

Those IN Christ acknowledge Him as preeminent.



**Read Colossians 1:15-19 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



### **Pre-School**

- What did God create?
- How do you feel knowing that God created all these things and loves you?



### **Elementary**

- Do you believe that God is always faithful?
- How does it make you feel that God is all powerful and still loves you?



### **Students**

- How has God shown his faithfulness to you recently?
- What do you think it means to “dwell in him”?

## PARENTS

**At bedtime this week, talk about how powerful God is and then encourage your child(ren) to pray to an ALL-POWERFUL God.**

# INVITATION WEEK 6: IF INDEED YOU CONTINUE

Those IN Christ continue in the faith.



**Read Colossians 1:21-23 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.**



## **Pre-School**

- What is faith? (trusting God)
- Tell me about how you can have hope with Jesus as your Lord and Savior.



## **Elementary**

- What does Salvation mean?
- What Hope does it give you to know that Christ is IN you?



## **Students**

- What does reconciliation by Christ mean to you?
- How does this passage of scripture bring you hope?

## **PARENTS**

**Pray that your child(ren) will take time to learn and understand who and what they believe.**

# HELPFUL TOOLS FOR FAMILIES

These tools are available at [www.jacobswellchurch.church](http://www.jacobswellchurch.church)

## ALWAYS AVAILABLE

- **JW Kids Parent Pages/Devotionals**
- **JW Students Devotionals**
- **Parent Cue App** [www.theparentcue.org](http://www.theparentcue.org)
  - Blogs, Podcasts, Activities - FREE!
- **RightNow Media**
- **Online Ministry** (JW Kids Lessons)
- **Resource Center** (Buy New Resources)
- **Resource Library** (Borrow Resources)
- **Prayer** (Under Care Tab on Website)
- **Student Life Podcast** (New Each Week!)
- **Family Dedication**
- **Baptism Classes** (Online and In-Person)
- **The Hub** (JW Students Space: Before and After Services)
- **Small Group/Pods** (1st - 5th & JW Students)
- **Play Group** (2nd Thursday from 9 - 11am)
- **Support Groups** (See List Under Care Tab on Website)

## FAMILY EVENTS

- **Fall Family Picnic** (Sept 25, 2022)
- **College Fair** (Fall 2022)

## COMING SOON

- **JW Family Resource Page on Website**

## **FAMILY GUIDE**

This family discussion guide is designed to create conversations about what we are learning at church and in our own spiritual growth. Use this guide around the dinner table, on the go, or even after you attend church.

This is a tool to help you incorporate spiritual practices into your lives and help you grow spiritually as a family.

