

About Growing Together @ Home

Growing Together @ Home is a
brief guide provided by the South
Bumby Church to give our families a
framework they can use as they study
from God's word and pray
together at home.

Other Things To Do This Week:

- [1] Memorize: (John 14:6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
- [2] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class. Let your children help you prepare for Bible Class.

Crypto-Quote:

(Each letter stands for another letter. For example, replace each occurrence of J with W)

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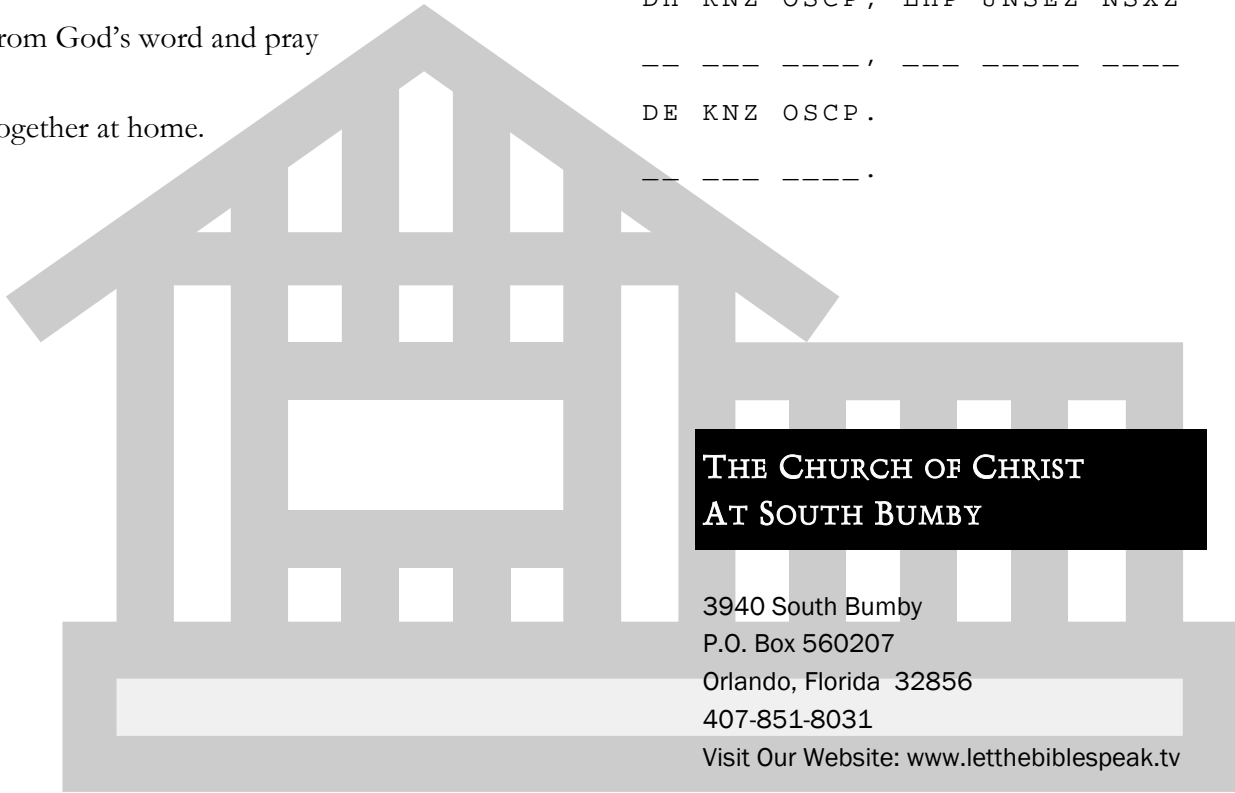
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AT SOUTH BUMBY

GROWING TOGETHER @ HOME

*A Weekly Guide
For Family
Devotions*

Those who
love Your law
have great
peace, And
nothing
causes them
to stumble.

Ps. 119:165

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Living Waters

DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read Jeremiah 2:10-13, and 17:10-13 and discuss what was the end result of the actions of Israel:

- [1] What does the text mean by “living waters”?
- [2] In Jeremiah 2, what was symbolized by the people digging Cisterns of their own?
- [3] How did their own Cisterns compare (with living waters)?

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss how people today reject God’s ways and attempt to justify their own ways. Compare this to the figure of the Cisterns being dug.

Discuss how people can be ashamed (Jeremiah 17:10-13) by turning away from God (the source of living waters).

Read together Proverbs 1:17-19 and discuss how people can “lie in wait” for their own lives.

- [1] If we pursue ways that are destructive to ourselves, is that any different than lurking secretly for our own lives?
- [2] Discuss how a person can “lurk” for their own life since the whole concept of lurking is to secretly lie in wait. Can people deceive themselves? (Titus 3:3)
- [3] Think of at least three ways in which people can deceive themselves? How can the pursuit of money “take away” life?

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to see His plans for us and to understand the benefits of a good relationship with Him.

DAY TWO

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read John 4:1-26 (the woman at the well). Search for references to “water” in the text and association with “life”. Then read John 7:37-39, and consider these two passages together.

How does John 7:38-39 tie in with Jeremiah 17:10-13 and Isaiah 58:11?

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss the following:

- [1] What was Jesus speaking of when he spoke of “living water”?
- [2] Consider Galatians 6:7-8, and discuss why the Spirit is called the “Spirit of Life”.
- [3] Why would the rivers of living water flow from the heart? (John 7:37-39)
- [4] Read each of the following and discuss the relationship between the heart and the Spirit of God: Mark 7:21, Matthew 6:21, Romans 8:12-14
- [5] Does the Spirit of God cause us to change what we “treasure”? .. change what proceeds out of our hearts (i.e. how we “act” based on what we treasure)? If so, How?

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, helping us to see the end from the beginning and choosing life.

DAY THREE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Have each family member read Psalms 1 separately and make a list of:

- [1] relationship between the word of God and the sinner.
- [2] relationship between the word of God and the righteous.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Together, compare your lists:

- [1] Are there times when the path of the sinner may appear to prosper – such that he can give advice that might appear good?
- [2] Are there times when the wicked can be scornful and appear “right” in the sight of men?

Consider the figure of the “chaff” (v.4):

- [1] Does “chaff” ever appear “alive” and flourish?
- [2] In the harvest time, what distinguishes between the wheat and the chaff?
- [3] Which has value? (Luke 3:17)

Together, read Jeremiah 17:5-10, and discuss:

- [1] Compare the figure of Jeremiah and that of Psalms 1
- [2] Compare the life of the shrub (in the desert) and the tree planted by the waters.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help you as a family to humble yourselves before him and to submit to his direction in your lives.