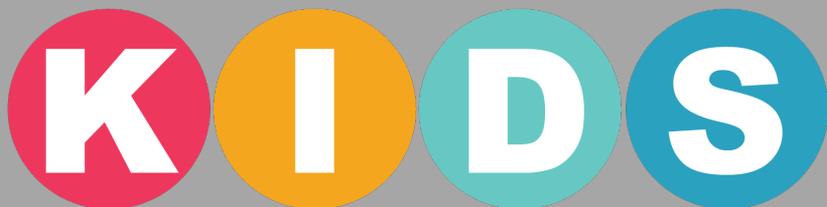


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Faith At Home Play Card

2 Thessalonians Chapter 2

Best Use:

To act as a companion to the REAP Bible reading plan for the book of 2 Thessalonians chapter 2

Purpose:

Assists parents in their call to fulfill their responsibility as the primary faith shaper in their child's life. Guides families to have fun and engaging faith conversations in their home.

Advanced Preparation:

- **Items:** 4 cans of soda (2 diet, 2 regular), a large tub (that the drinks can submerge or float in) or 5 gallon bucket, duct tape, and a Bible.
- Wrap the soda cans with duct tape so you can't see their labels.
- Fill the large Tub with water.

Play Action:

DO: Gather your family for your lesson. Have your children examine the cans without removing the duct tape.

ASK: Do you think the cans are going to float or sink? (Allow the children to anywhere.)

DO: Place the cans in the water and watch as some of them float and some of them sink.

SAY: All the cans look the same with duct tape on them. So, how would we learn the difference between them? (That's right, we would have to take off the duct tape.)

DO: Allow children to take the duct tape off the cans to see the difference. After they have discovered the difference, point out that were on the search for the truth about why some of the cans floated and some of them sank. The cans looked the same at the beginning but gave two very different results.

SAY: Our church has been reading through 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 this week. In chapter two Paul is writing to the Thessalonians because they have questions about when Jesus will return and have even been told by other people that Jesus had already returned, which wasn't true. Paul helped the Thessalonians remember the teachings about Jesus and pointed them back to what was true. Paul let the people know that if anyone tells them different than something Jesus had told them then they are not telling the truth.

READ: Psalms 25:5 and Psalms 119:105

ASK: How can we find out if something someone is telling you about God is true or not? (By using the Bible to find out if it is true and praying to him to reveal His truth).

SAY: The more time we spend with God, the better we know Him, and the better we know Him, the better we can tell if someone is speaking truth about Him. Reading and memorizing scripture is one way we protect ourselves from false teachings, but prayer is also a great tool against false teaching.

PRAY: Thank God for providing us with a source of truth in Jesus and giving us the Bible to teach us His truth. Thank God for giving the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is with us and points us to His truths. Ask God to help your family not to be deceived by false teachings, and for you to be faithful to His word.