



familytalk

WEEK OF JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 3, 2017

“How Can God Allow So Much Pain?”

MONDAY

-  **Read** – 1 Peter 4:12
-  **Do** – Have one family member stand in the middle of the rest of the family. Everyone grab a pillow (or something else soft) and throw it at the person in the middle! They may be able to dodge for a little bit, but eventually, they will be hit! In the same way, pain and suffering are unavoidable in our lives.
-  **Pray** – Thank God that, though pain is unavoidable, there is great purpose behind it!

TUESDAY

-  **Read** – 2 Corinthians 12:9
-  **Do** – Place multiple sticky notes along a wall at various heights, with one totally out of reach for your children. Have them grab the notes and bring them to you. Explain that we will experience things that can't be accomplished on our own, and we must seek God's help.
-  **Pray** – Thank God that He proves His power in our weakness.

WEDNESDAY

-  **Read** – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
-  **Do** – When have you experienced difficulty in your life? How can you use this experience to show compassion to others in similar situations?
-  **Pray** – Thank God that He allows us to suffer so that we can minister to others.

THURSDAY

-  **Read** – Isaiah 55:8-9
-  **Do** – Find a picture on your phone and zoom in as far as you possibly can. Ask your children what it's a picture of. When they can't figure it out, zoom out a little. Continue to zoom out until they know what the picture is. Explain that suffering seems confusing at the time, but God sees the big picture—the “zoomed out” version!
-  **Pray** – Ask God for faith to believe His good purposes, even in the midst of suffering.

FRIDAY

-  **Read** – Isaiah 53:5
-  **Do** – Write down all the ways you can think of that Jesus suffered. Why did the Creator and God of the universe choose to suffer in those ways? Reinforce the Gospel to your children. The truth is, any pain and suffering God asks us to go through in this life is nothing compared to the suffering He endured to make us His children!
-  **Pray** – Praise God for being our perfect example of suffering. Ask Him to bring revival to CFBC!

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