



WEEK OF AUGUST 6-12, 2017

“Jesus Deserves Your Loyalty!”

Parents, as we discuss suffering for Jesus, it's often difficult to know how to address these difficult topics with your children. Use this Family Talk guide as an opportunity to grow in your children a theology of suffering. This guide will specifically discuss that Jesus is worthy, suffering is expected, and there is a great reward!

DAY 1:

-  **Read** – Isaiah 53
-  **Do** – Read the passage through slowly, making a list as you go of all the things that Jesus did for us. (If your kids don't understand some of the words in the passage, take the time to explain them.) Look at your list. God loves us enough to go through ALL THAT for US! He is so worthy of our loyalty and of our lives!
-  **Pray** – Thank God for suffering for us, and tell Him that He is worthy!

DAY 2:

-  **Read** – 1 Peter 5:10
-  **Do** – Have your child hold a pitcher or a bucket out in front of him/her. Begin pouring water into the pitcher, and keep pouring! When you see that your child can't hold it anymore, step in and help them hold it up. Explain that this is what God does for us. God promises that suffering will happen as we follow Christ, but He always promises His presence. He promises to strength us to face whatever He calls us to!
-  **Pray** – Ask God for strength to stand for Him no matter what happens and no matter what suffering He calls you to. Thank you that He promises that He will always be with you.

DAY 3:

-  **Read** – James 1:2-4, 2 Corinthians 4:17
-  **Do** – For most of our students, this is the first week of school. What is the hardest part of school? Doing homework? Studying for tests? Staying up late to work on projects? If those things aren't fun, why do you do them? Difficult things can bring a reward—in this case, the reward of good grades and knowing you did your best. What is the reward of suffering for Jesus?
-  **Pray** – Praise God that He is worthy of suffering. He would deserve our suffering even if there wasn't a reward, but He chooses to give us the deep reward of a greater, stronger faith.