

“I am writing to you who are God’s children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.”

~ 1 John 2:12

WAM Parent Companion Reading

If you have your bible with you, find this verse and read it in context (1 John 2:1-17). This passage is also printed on the back of this paper. Select as much or as little of the passage as you’d like and read it through four times, focusing on the following each time:

FIRST READ: ENTER

Let the entirety of the passage wash over you on this initial read. Take note of the who, what, when, where, and why of the passage (Google, study bible reference, etc). Who is speaking? To whom? Where are they? What are the historical circumstances of this time period? Why is the author writing this passage?

SECOND READ: IMPRESS

Read through the passage again and take note of any word, phrase, sentence, or verse that makes an impression on you.

THIRD READ: PRAY

Before reading through this third time, spend a few moments in prayer thanking and praising God for His Holy Word. As you read, be prayerfully responding and interacting with God about the text. Imagine you are simply discussing the passage with a friend as you read.

FOURTH READ: APPLY

In this final reading, ask God how He wants you to apply this passage to your life. Do you get the feeling there is something you should start doing, cease doing, or continue doing?

FAITH 166 Application

Share your insights with your children and ask them what they learned from the verse. Take time this week to pray with each other and ask God to help you apply the lessons you each learned.

PASSAGE: 1 John 2:1-17

1 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. **2** He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. **3** And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. **4** If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. **5** But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. **6** Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. **7** Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. **8** Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. **9** If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. **10** Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. **11** But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness. **12** I am writing to you who are God’s children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus. **13** I am writing to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one. **14** I have written to you who are God’s children because you know the Father. I have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God’s word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one. **15** Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. **16** For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. **17** And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.