

**Family Prompt: God loves you no matter what.**

The Song of Solomon is a collection of love poetry written to reveal the truth that love is a gift from God meant to point us to His abundant love for us. This truth is relevant for all ages and something to be passed along to our kids and teens. Let's encourage our kids to understand that the longing of their hearts to be fully known by another can truly only be found in God Himself. Their Creator, Savior, Healer, and Restorer. They are safe, known and loved by Him just as they are. No need to preform or change. God sees them, hears them and is always with them.

**Key Story:** The Song of Solomon

**God's Attribute:** This week, instead of highlighting one of God's many attributes, here is a simple truth to focus on: God loves you no matter what.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
Romans 8:38-39

**Ask & Share**

**Preschoolers:** Kids have the basic need to know they are safe. When they enter a room or meet new people, they quickly try to answer the question, "I'm I safe here with you?". Consider ways you can show your preschooler they are safe with God. When they are afraid, sad or super excited, God is with them and loves them.

**Elementary Kids:** As kids grow their internally questions can become more about, "do they like me?". Do the friends around them truly accept them and like who they are? How can you encourage your elementary kid to know God loves them no matter what! God even likes their silly jokes, or their creative art projects, or the "everything but the kitchen sink soup" they are proudly serving you for dinner. Whether they clean their room or not, whether they ace the test or not, whether they make the team or not...God loves them no matter what!

**Middle Schoolers:** Here is where the internal questions get more intense. Kids can begin to compare who they are with their peers around them. Their appearance, their clothes, the things they liked last year have suddenly changed to match the likes of a close friend. They want to fit in and be accepted. The stakes are higher and their world has become much more challenging. This week, encourage your middle schooler to know they are enough. No need to perform or seek approval from God. He created them and knows them inside and out and He is infatuated with them! Your kid is one of kind and God created them on purpose to know Him and love Him.

**High Schoolers:** All of these internal questions and thoughts intensify during the teen years. All of a sudden, their world is getting bigger, responsibilities are growing, and the realization of “what am I going to do with my life?” begins to take root. Knowing the truths that God loves them no matter what, that He knows them inside and out AND still wants to be with them, that He has a good plan and purpose for their life, these are essential for a teen to hold on to. When can you speak these truths to your teen this week?

**One last note for teens...** At this age, they will begin to feel the push and pull of choosing to follow God’s way. Some days will be good and some days may require repentance and forgiveness. That’s ok. It’s part of growing up as a Christian teen. God loves them no matter what, yes, however He also loves them enough not to leave them in their sin. This brings God’s discipline into their life to develop their self-control. This is not an easy or comfortable process. Take a moment to consider where your teen may be struggling today. How can you provide grace and a safe place for them to grow and wrestle with this reality? Examine your reaction when they sin. Are you able to discipline while restoring and building them up? It’s a hard calling to intentionally disciple your kids. Remember, God is with YOU and He loves you no matter what also!