



11-22-20 Family Discussion Questions

## Within God's Parameters

Genesis 6:1-4

1. Genesis 6:1-4 is a difficult section of the Bible, even more so for children. This part of Genesis 6 transitions to the flood narrative that we are more familiar with and is included in the Bible because God wanted us to know how much people had turned away from His parameters. This week, spend time teaching your children that God's people continued to make sinful choices. They did the opposite of what God wanted them to do. You can review Genesis 3-4 for more examples.
2. What does "parameter" mean?  
[It means limit or boundary.]
3. In Genesis 3, the serpent deceives Eve and she takes and eats the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then Adam eats the fruit. Explain how Adam and Eve did not stay within God's parameters.  
[God said the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was off-limits, but they ignored his limit and ate the fruit..]
4. In Genesis 4, Cain kills his brother Abel. Explain how Cain did not stay within God's parameters.  
[God talked to Cain about his anger and warned him not to be controlled by his sin. Cain didn't listen and made his own decision.]
5. Do you ever push past a boundary or go beyond the limit? Why does God want us to stay within His boundaries?  
[God created boundaries for Adam and Eve so that He could have a close relationship with them. He also wants a close relationship with us, but our sin gets in the way. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that our broken relationship to God can be restored if we place our faith and trust in Jesus alone. We need to live within God's parameters to experience safety and blessing.]