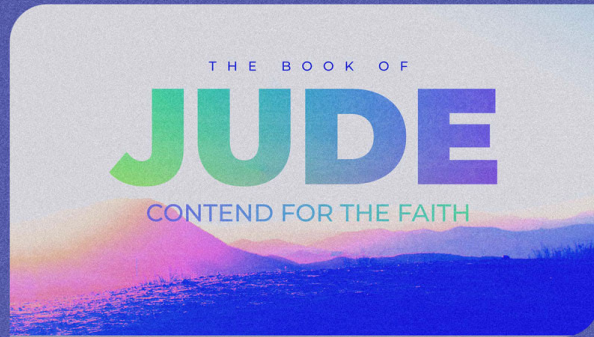


**LIFE
APP**



Live by the

TRUTH

CURRENT THEME:

Contend for the faith!

MEMORY VERSE

“Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart.
For consider what great things he has done for you.”

- 1 Samuel 12:24 (NIV)

SEPTEMBER 21 - LIFE APPLICATION

Live by the TRUTH!

Today's Scripture: **Jude 1:14-16**

Note to Parents: We are currently studying the **Book of Jude**, written by the half brother of Jesus and disciple of Jesus. The **Book of Jude** is so important to those who follow Jesus because we are encouraged to know we are loved, know what we believe, to watch for false teaching, and contend for the truth.

Review:

What have we learned so far from the **Book of Jude**?

- Know God's Word.
- Know good biblical doctrine
- Contend for the faith.
- Beware of false teachers.
- Rebuke false teaching.

This week, in **verses 14-16**, we are assured that God will punish those who teach falsely, speak against Him, and do ungodly actions.

Read and Discuss: Jude verses 14-16

***14** Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones **15** to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." **16** These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.*

1. Enoch was a prophet of God and a righteous and faithful man. In **Genesis 5**, Enoch prophesied about the Day of Judgement, when Jesus returns to the earth in the second coming. **Who did Enoch say would come with Jesus?** **Read verse 5.** (*Jesus is coming with thousands and thousands of his holy ones.*)
2. **Who do you think the "holy ones" are?** (*Discuss.*) This will most likely include all of the angels as well as all of the "saints" who have died and will return to the earth with Him. **Who are the saints?** (*Believers and followers of Jesus - us! They are those who stood up for their faith and had found salvation in Him.*)
3. **Why are they returning to the earth?** See **verse 15.** (*Jesus will make all things new. And, He will judge all of the ungodly for their ungodly actions and for speaking against Him. He will especially judge those who have spoken wrongly about him, the false teachers.*)

4. **What is an “ungodly action?”** (Let family members give answers. They may say something like: “It is sinning and disobeying God.”) In **verse 16**, Jude describes these ungodly people: *“16 These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.”* **What does this mean?**

- They are grumblers. **Do you know anyone who grumbles and complains?**
- They are faultfinders. They blame other people and don’t take responsibility for their actions.
- They follow their own evil desires. **What could this mean?** (Discuss.) They do whatever they want to do, even if it is wrong and sinful.
- They boast (brag) about themselves. **Have you ever seen anyone do this?**
- They flatter others for their own advantage. They say nice things to others to get them to like them and so they can get power, money and advantages over others. These are false teachers, and they convince people of untrue things about God and about themselves.

Family challenge:

Look at this list again. **Can you think of times you have done any of these things?** I think we all have to admit that we have if we are being honest. **But what makes us different from these ungodly people?** (Discuss.) We belong to Jesus!

When we repented of our sins and asked Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, we were forgiven and forever free! **But, does that mean we will never sin again?** (No.) As we grow closer to God and allow Him to guide us, we will be less and less tempted to sin. The Holy Spirit is our Helper, and will help us choose to do the right thing. And, also help us know when we have done wrong.

Have family members **look at the list and write down one thing** they would like to ask the Holy Spirit to help them with, then ask everyone to pray silently about this, and put the words they have written in a place where they will be reminded to ask God for help in this area.

Prayer:

God, we love You and want to be godly, not ungodly, people. We want to avoid false teachers and know truth from untruth. Please help us to grow in our faith and to be able to discern right from wrong. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

A word from our pastor, David Chadwick:

In a world where falsehood is often used to advance people's personal and selfish agendas, we need good and godly teachers who will faithfully teach God's word. There are false teachers today, and we need to be able to identify when they're not telling the truth. Please pray for your pastors at MOHC to always rightly divide God's truth in his word. As we give you the truth, you can live by the truth, and the truth will set you free. **John 8:12**

Core 4:

- Scripture
- Theology (sound doctrine)
- Wholeness
- Outreach

Last week, we talked about how to incorporate the Core 4 practices into your family's life together. First, we discussed Scripture and how to teach your family to know the Bible and God's Word for us. This week, we will offer some resources for **Theology**.

For parents:

- **Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies** by Hillary Morgan Ferrer
- **How to Teach Kids Theology: Deep Truths for Growing Faith** by Sam Luce and Hunter Williams

For elementary- aged kids:

- **Thinking About God: Theology Q&A for Kids** by Alex Early
- **The Ology: Ancient Truths, Ever New (The Kid's Theology Series)** by Marti Machowski (author) and Andy McGuire (illustrator)
- **Case for Christ for Kids, Case for Grace for Kids, Case for Faith for Kids, Case for the Creator for Kids, The Case for Heaven** - Lee Strobel, author
- **Cold-Case Christianity for Kids: Investigate Jesus with a Real Detective** by J Werner Wallace and Susie Wallace

For younger kids:

- **Big Theology for Little Hearts books:** by Devon Provencher and Jessica Robyn Provencher