

DEAR PARENTS:

We realize that you, as parents, are the primary faith influencers in your child's life. The best disciple making takes place when students' parents take the lead. That's why we've created this helpful guide for you to use at home with your child. It is designed to give you some basic information about what is being taught at church through the *Vantage* curriculum, which shows how God's grace changes the way that we see ourselves and our world, along with some helpful tools and questions to help you reinforce this learning at home.

MAIN TOPICS, SCRIPTURE, TAKEAWAYS & MEMORY VERSES

SHADOWS

These four lessons address how we should view difficult times from God's perspective. God's redemptive grace gives us hope and helps us walk through the low-points of life.

LESSON 1

The Good Shepherd (Psalm 23)

THE TAKEAWAY

With God's perspective, Christ-followers face life's ups and downs with hope and confidence.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil, for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4 (ESV)

SHADOWS



LESSON 2

Trained by Discipline (Hebrews 12:3–12)

THE TAKEAWAY

God's discipline isn't a bad thing. God trains his children in righteousness as we receive his loving discipline.

For the moment all discipline
seems painful rather than pleasant,
but later it yields the peaceful fruit
of righteousness to those who have
been trained by it.

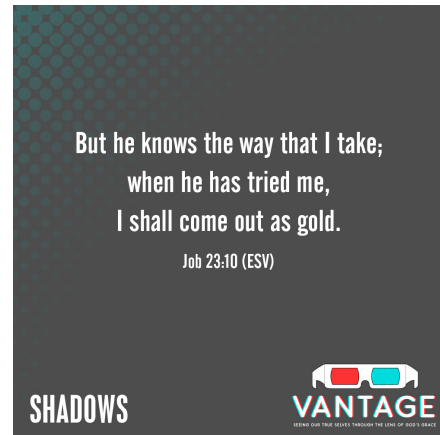
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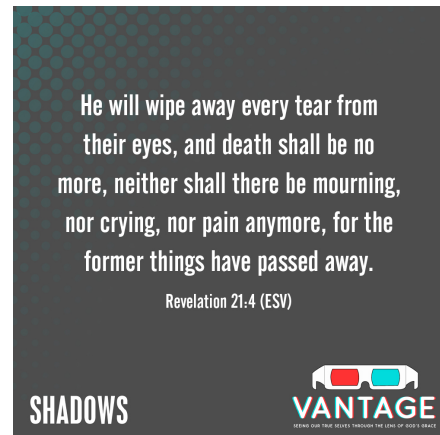


LESSON 3**Seeking God in Suffering****(Job 23:8–10; 38:1–18)****THE TAKEAWAY**

We serve a God who loves us, but that doesn't mean we can demand answers from him when our life falls apart. Instead, we trust that he is God and we are not.

**LESSON 4****Eternal Hope****(Revelation 21:3–4)****THE TAKEAWAY**

God comforts us through the Holy Spirit during our time on earth, and we look forward to the day when God himself will wipe away our tears forever.



QUESTIONS TO ASK

Here are some conversation starters to help you talk with your child about what they're learning:

- What trial have you faced that caused you to lean on God? How did you trust him in that time?
- Have you been through anything that you now look back on and see as God's loving discipline for you?