



**What is it?** Family Discipleship Weekend (see Event Teaser below)

**Who is invited?** Families of all shapes and sizes (including babies, preschool, children, youth, and adults)

**Where is it?** At your church, homeschool co-op, or event center

**When is it?** Friday evening, all day Saturday, & a Sunday sharing time (see schedule below)

**Why should we do this?** To grow in our faith, stand strong in the face of opposition, and better witness to others

**How will we do all of that?** Through lessons, workshops, & discussions sprinkled with games, food, service projects, & fun

**How much does it cost?** Parent Road Ministries does not charge for this service. Hosts are asked to provide the advertising, food, and supplies needed for this event. Love offerings are appreciated.

## Event Teaser

What makes Christianity unique? Aren't all religions basically the same? UNIQUE is a Family Discipleship Weekend, similar to a youth DNow, but designed for entire families. Bring the preschoolers, children, youth, and adults you love as we mix study with games, meals, and service projects. For more information, see <http://parentroadadmin.com/family>.



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## Event Schedule

NOTE: The schedule may be adapted to fit the group's needs.

*Preschoolers have a separate learning track. They will join the main group as labeled "everyone" below.*

### Friday

- 5:30 PM Block Party with pizza (everyone)
- 6:45 PM Musical worship (everyone)
- 7:10 PM Workshop: Objective vs. Subjective Truth
- 7:30 PM *Preschool and children's families head home with Homework*  
Youth and remaining adults – Snack and hang out time
- 7:45 PM Lesson: How We Got the Bible
- 8:15 PM Youth game/Adult breakout –How to field questions you can't answer
- 9:00 PM Workshop: Fulfilled prophecy, a comparison of religions
- 9:30 PM Hang out at the church?
- 10:30/11:00 PM Everyone heads home

### Saturday

- 8:30 AM *OPTIONAL:* Early Bird breakfast (everyone)
- 9:00 AM *OPTIONAL:* Early Bird Discussion: Biblical Tolerance vs. Compromised Truth (everyone)
- 9:30 AM Musical worship (everyone)
- 9:55 AM Workshop: The Bible Is God's Word
- 10:15 AM Service project and family prayer time (everyone)
- 10:45 AM Musical worship (everyone)
- 11:15 AM Lunch (everyone)
- 12:00 PM *Preschool families head home* for nap time (return at 3:45 PM)  
Workshop: How to Get to Heaven
- 12:20 PM Write letters through [Voice of the Martyrs](#)
- 12:45 PM ROTATIONS – Includes Discussion: Christianity Is a Relationship, Not a Bunch of Rules
- 3:00 PM Snacks with open Question & Answer time
- 3:45 PM *Preschool families return*  
Musical worship (everyone)
- 4:10 PM Lesson: The Hope of Jesus' Resurrection; Evangelism training
- 5:00 PM Dinner (everyone)
- 6:00 PM Practice for Sunday morning/Adult Workshop: Family Discipleship
- 7:00 PM Sunday morning rehearsal (everyone)
- 7:30 PM *Preschool and children's families head home with Homework*  
Youth and remaining adults – Snack and hang out time

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7:45 PM	Discussion: How committed are you to Christ?
8:15 PM	Game
9:00 PM	Question & Answer
9:30 PM	Hang out at the church?
10:30/11:00 PM	Everyone heads home

## Sunday

Families share what they did and learned.

## Host Expectations

*Hosts are asked to provide:*

- *Advertising (including asking for service project items)*
- *meeting space (1 main room, 2 breakout rooms [one of which could be the sanctuary], and preschool/baby rooms)*
- *tables and chairs*
- *food, drinks, paper products (Block Party pizza, breakfast, lunch, Saturday's dinner, and three snack times)*
- *needed supplies*
- *copies of all handouts*
- *Organize and advertise a volunteer training meeting at least 1 week prior to the event*
  - *This meeting, led by a Parent Road Ministries team member, lasts 30 min. with an additional 30 min for Preschool Teachers (birth – K). We request a tour of the facilities being used for UNIQUE either before or after the meeting.*
- *music team*
- *preschool teachers (ideally: babies, 1's/2's, 3's/4's, Pre-K/Kindergarten)*
- *2+ game leaders*
- *Plan and gather supplies for three 45 min. games times on Saturday*
- *additional volunteers*
- *15-20 min. Sunday morning or evening the weekend of the event for families to share with the church what they learned*

*We invite the church staff or group leaders to be involved this weekend, especially during Question and Answer sessions, the Family Discipleship Workshop, and to counsel those wishing to ask questions or make a decision for Christ.*

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## Host Planning Guide

### 10-9 Weeks Out

**GOAL:** Confirm event information & volunteer meeting time. Choose a service project.

*PRM will send an email confirming event details and providing service project ideas. A PRM team member will call to confirm the plan for UNIQUE.*

### 8 Weeks Out

**GOAL:** Recruit volunteers.

*PRM will send an email with recruitment tips and volunteer role descriptions.*

### 7 Weeks Out

**GOAL:** Create an advertising strategy.

*PRM will send an email with advertising strategies & tips.*

### 6 Weeks Out

**GOAL:** Begin advertising & invite other churches.

*PRM will send an email with additional advertising strategies & tips.*

### 5 Weeks Out

**GOAL:** Recruit volunteers & advertise volunteer meeting. Begin running background checks.

*PRM will send an email with additional recruitment ideas.*

### 4 Weeks Out

**GOAL:** Check with Hospitality Team & Music Team. Verify volunteer meeting agenda.

*PRM will send an email with the volunteer meeting agenda. A PRM team member will call to confirm these details.*

### 3 Weeks Out

**GOAL:** Print & distribute prayer guides.

*PRM will send an email with a suggested prayer guide.*

### 2 Weeks Out

**GOAL:** Solidify games, “hang out” time, and prepare for volunteer meeting.

*PRM will send an email with additional game ideas (just in case they’re needed).*

### 1 Week Out

**GOAL:** Collect supplies, food, & hold volunteer meeting.

*PRM will send an email with any handouts which need to be printed for the event.*

*A PRM team member will come in person to the volunteer meeting. This is a great time to ask questions.*

### Week of the Event

**GOAL:** Final preparations.

*The PRM team will come early to set up and prepare. We can’t wait to see you!*

# Lesson Summaries

Symbol Key:			
	Whole family		Children (1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
	Adults		Preschool (birth – Kindergarten)
	Youth (6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)		

## Objective vs. Subjective Truth

   Workshop for children, youth, & adults taught by Nancy Ruth

What is objective truth? What is subjective truth? Why is the unique difference between the two important? How can you tell if a statement presents objective or subjective truth? We'll use observations, optical illusions, and critical thinking to answer these questions.

## Friday & Saturday Homework: "The B-I-B-L-E"

 Preschool song, practiced by families at home

This song reminds us that the Bible is a unique book. The background music may sound a little different at church, but [here is the link](#) to "The B-I-B-L-E," Go Fish version.

## Friday Homework: Ivan and the Search for Truth

 Children's story and discussion guide written by Nancy Ruth & read by families at home

Families will review the unique difference between objective and subjective truth. Then read a fictional story following a boy who encounters subjective and objective truth. After each statement, families are encouraged to stop and ask, "Is that objective or subjective truth?" The downloadable story will be available on our website.

## How We Got the Bible

  Youth/Adult lesson taught by Roger

The Bible is a unique book. Who wrote the Bible? How were the books chosen that became part of the Bible? How were these books chosen? How did we get the Bible we hold in our hands today?

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## How to Field Questions You Can't Answer

 Adult breakout led by Roger, Sheila, & Nancy Ruth

Kids and youth ask lots of questions. Unfortunately, we don't always know the answer. How do you field questions about God, the Bible, faith, and Christianity that you don't know the answers to yourself? Bring your questions and let's talk about it together.

## Fulfilled Prophecy, a Comparison of Religions

  Youth/Adult workshop led by Nancy Ruth

The mark of a true prophet is the fact that their prophecies come true (Deuteronomy 18:22; Jeremiah 28:9; Ezekiel 33:33; Matthew 7:15-20; Revelation 22:6). Jesus uniquely fulfilled hundreds of prophecies about Him. Just how many prophecies in the Bible came true? What about prophecies from prophets of other religions?

## Biblical Tolerance vs. Compromised Truth (optional Early Bird lesson)

   Optional discussion for children, youth, & adults led by Sheila

It is becoming more common to equate tolerance with acceptance. If you do not accept everyone's way as true, you are not tolerant. This is not true! What does biblical tolerance really look like? Can you be unique, biblically tolerant, and loving at the same time?

## The Bible is God's Word

   Lesson for children, youth, & adults taught by Nancy Ruth & Roger

God is true. The Bible is the unique Word of God. Therefore the Word of God is true. This means that the Bible is truthful and without error in all of its teachings. The children will cover many of the same points as the youth and adults, but more on their level and in a different room.

## Service Project & Prayer Time

 Family activities with prayer guides by Nancy Ruth

A unique service project will be chosen in conjunction with the church, but everyone will have a job to do! When we're finished, families will spend time praying for their community, church, nation, and family.

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## How to Get to Heaven

   Workshop for children, youth, & adults taught by Nancy Ruth

What are some ways people try to earn their way to heaven? What are some ways other religions teach people should do to get to heaven? Christianity is unique. Only in Christianity does God come to us in the person of Jesus Christ. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

## Voice of the Martyrs Letters

   Service project for children, youth, & adults led by Nancy Ruth

Let's write letters of encouragement to persecuted Christians around the world. Younger children can copy Bible verses or draw pictures on letters older family members have written. Remember not to include any personal information, negative comments about governments or leaders, or references to Voice of the Martyrs in your letters. Learn more about the unique ministry of Voice of the Martyrs [here](#).

## Christianity Is a Relationship, Not a Bunch of Rules

   Discussion for children, youth, & adults taught by Sheila

Unique among many faiths, Christianity is not just a list of things you should and shouldn't do. The core of Christianity is a relationship with Jesus Christ. What does that look like in everyday life, especially as a child or teenager with adult authority figures?

## Question & Answer

   Discussions for children, youth, & adults led by Nancy Ruth, Sheila, Roger, & host group leaders

These are open times for anyone to ask questions they have. Questions could be related to the weekend topic or come seemingly out of the blue. Come asking and we'll do our best to point you in the right direction for the answer. Note that children's Q&A is separate from youth/adult Q&A.

## The Hope of Jesus' Resurrection

   Workshop for children, youth, & adults led by Roger, Sheila, & Nancy Ruth

Jesus is the main thing that makes Christianity unique. It all boils down to the hope we have because of Jesus death and resurrection. This will be explained to children separate from youth and adults in order to make the Gospel presentation and invitation age-appropriate. Participants will also be trained how to share Jesus with others in age-appropriate ways.

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## Family Discipleship

 Workshop for adults led by Nancy Ruth, assisted by Roger & host group leaders

How do you know your child is really ready to accept Christ? What are the danger signs you need to look for? When is it time for children to be baptized? How does a person grow in their walk with Christ? When are children old enough to do these things?

## Saturday Homework: How's Your Heart?

 Family video & discussion for children by Sheila & Nancy Ruth, led by families at home

Watch Sheila's unique presentation of how a growing Christian acts. Then ask your child(ren) some probing questions to see where they are in their understanding and faith. Then pray together for God to continue to teach you more about Him and draw you closer to Him.

## How Committed Are You to Christ?

  Discussion for youth & adults led by Sheila, Roger, & Nancy Ruth

Let's examine the [Ezekiel Principle](#) and ask ourselves the following questions: How deep are you in your walk with Christ? What would you be willing to do for Jesus? What would it take to change your mind? These are just a few questions that challenge us to deeply examine our walk with Christ. Where do you stand (or swim)?