

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: GUM



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Today we talked about finding joy that lasts. Just as chewing gum loses its flavor the more we chew it, the things of this world will never satisfy us for long. Only Jesus can give us a joy that lasts.



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Share a stick of gum with your kids this week. As you chew together, waiting for the gum to lose flavor, talk about other things that seem to make you happy for a while but lose their luster - new toys, new games, etc.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What kind of things did Solomon do to make himself happy?
- Why did Solomon describe all these efforts as meaningless?
- What is the one thing that can give us real, lasting joy?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

- Psalm 119:103 (NIV)



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Where do you find your joy? In your work? Family? Things? God made all these things for our pleasure, but the only thing that will truly satisfy the longing in our hearts is Jesus. Ask Jesus to give you that joy and a real contentment that will keep you from pursuing the things of this world.