WEEK SIX’S MISSION IS TO: DISCOVER ENCOURAGEMENT

Parent Briefing:
In this mission, we will look at several Bible verses that you and your “agents in training” can investigate. After this in-depth investigation, there are several activities that are suited for your agents. This is a time for you to be intentional in teaching biblical truth in order to strengthen your family and your relationship with the Creator!

Mission Objective:
This week, we charge you and your family to discover how to encourage others. In a world where complaint and negative talk is the norm, believers need to stand out for the better by encouraging others in word and deed. As you and your agents learn about encouraging others, start the positive change in your own home so that encouragement may become effortless in your household and family. Encouragement is necessary not only in hard times, but also in victories. Try to find and take advantage of opportunities to encourage this week.

Below are some guided questions to help further your discussion on encouragement, use the investigation material on the back to answer.

See Ephesians 4:29, How can your talk build others up and show them grace?
See Hebrews 10:23-25, Why should we encourage others?
See 1 Thessalonians 5:11-14, Who should we encourage?
In what ways would you like to be encouraged this week?

Agent Debriefing
After discovering encouragement, we challenge you and your “agents in training” to take a picture of your agents with the assignment you completed. Post the picture using #CreekCIA. This will allow for the agency to evaluate the picture and give your agents a chance to win a special outing. Be looking for your picture to appear on the Agency’s screen during Sunday morning services.
Investigation Materials:
Ephesians 4:29, Hebrews 10:23-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:11-14, Joshua 1:9

Assignments:
Preschool: This week, talk to your agent about the importance of using kind words when talking to others. Remind agents that using kind words shows love. Make a “Kind Words Jar” and put an item (m&m, marble, penny, etc.) in it every time you see your agent using kind words. At the end of the week, talk about how full the jar is and how great it is that your agent showed love to others by using kind words.
Elementary: This week, give each agent a sticky note pad. Have them place encouraging notes around headquarters for whomever they wish to encourage, including each family member. Challenge each agent to use up his or her note pad before the week is over. At the end of the week, discuss the impact that encouraging others had on your agents and family.
Youth: This week, ask your students some tough questions about encouragement. Search the scriptures to find truth that answers these questions. See Joshua 1:9, Why is this the ultimate encouragement for believers? Who was Paul’s companion that was known for his encouragement? Find examples in the scriptures and see how you can apply the scenarios to your own life. Write an encouraging post on a friend’s Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. Make sure to use #CreekCIA