Helping Your Kids Finish Well

Do you know what matters to you and your kid right now? Getting to the finish line of the school year. May and June are the busiest/slowest months ever. How can you help your kid finish the school year? Here are 5 ways you can implement at home with your kids.

Paint a clear picture of the end.
Runners never stop running when they can see the finish line. The problem is that sometimes the summer feels far away when you’re in the midst of final projects and tests. Do your best to help your kid see what they are working toward. Celebrate the summer you’re headed to as a way to amplify some motivation.

Share a time you persevered.
Kids sometimes feel like they’re the only ones who have to push through difficult things like the last month of school. Let them know they’re not alone. Share a story from your own childhood or even a tale about a work project you had to knock out despite not being very motivated.

Make it fun.
Don’t wait until the summer to add some fun to their goals. A big, final finish line is awesome, but so are some small finish lines along the way. Head out for ice cream when the science project is finished. Catch the latest Marvel movie after a final school recital. Build in small wins in the weeks leading up to the last day of school.

Break the work into smaller pieces.
Small wins are great and so are small goals. A final paper might be overwhelming, especially if the deadline is looming. Do your best to help your kid break that big project into something manageable.

Remind them of a time they won in the past.
When kids are stressed about the end of school, they often forget every other time they’ve worked hard to complete a goal. Sometimes, just reminding them of a time they’ve won before can provide a bit of boost. Get them to take a quick look at the past to generate a bit of hope for the present.

Adapted from Parent Cue Blog - Jon Acuff
In the next two months, we are going to **Power Up!** with our kids across the age groups with the hope of creating a super fun and engaging experience for them to learn about the fruit of the spirit. What happens when they are connected to Jesus, the real power source? They receive power to do everything God wants them to do!

**WHAT HAVE OUR TEACHERS BEEN UP TO?**

On May 19th, 30 of our volunteer teachers came together for a team gathering. They fellowshiped over food, had fun in a team activity, collaborated ideas and supported one another through prayer. It was a joy and encouragement to hear all the laughter and witness the positive vibe in the room!

Our volunteers at K4C are faithfully pouring out their time, energy and God's love into our children throughout the year.

**WE JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU!**

**Upcoming in June**

- **June 9** Baptism
- **June 15** Parenting Workshop
- **June 16** Father's Day
- **June 23** World Refuge Day
- **June 30** K4C Graduation

Have you signed up your kids yet?


Celebrating as a Family

Baptism Story

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF TWO OF OUR MESSENGER’S CHILDREN PAUL AND ISABELLA.

When Paul came to us and said he wanted to be baptized, we wondered how much he truly understood about what he was asking. We set aside time one night to take him out and talk. It was amazing to hear him talk about wanting to "be made new" and wanting to know "what it’s like to really worship". We were nervous about answering his questions, but the Holy Spirit guided us. The peace we felt when he prayed to receive Christ was indescribable. The world conditions parents to worry about the correctness of every tiny decision, this experience with Paul helped solidify what truly matters in raising kids—do they understand how to love God and love others?

Written by Emily Wong (Paul’s Mother and Messenger’s Teacher)

I think, as a parent, we have tremendous high hopes and dreams for our kids, we know we shouldn’t but we can’t help ourselves. So you can imagine how amazing it was when our daughter came to us to say that she wants to be baptised. As Christ following parents, it was the most incredible thing we’ve ever heard her say.

Very soon afterwards I picked up a leaflet for K4C kids getting baptised from Carmen and stopped anyone who looked even remotely interested that Isabella is getting baptised. Well, as it turned out, she was simply not ready and she had really big questions about God and why she believed and should she even believe. My husband and I have always agreed that our children’s faith will be their own, no matter the expectations we have of them or their faith.

A year later after hearing the testimony of Ps. Andrew at his Dad’s funeral, Isabella decided she really did want to get baptised. Although she still has big questions, she wants to let people know that she chooses to follow Jesus. It was quite a humbling and eye opening experience for me to journey with her and watch her make our faith her own, choosing to following Jesus the way only she can. We are SUPER excited (bursting with pride, humbled to tears, jumping for joy) that we get to be a part of this wonderful and life changing experience on 9 June. There have been so many people who have spoken truth and words of encouragement and wisdom into her life and to all of the K4C teachers, leaders, friends and family I want to thank you a thousand times. This also I will write upon my mothers heart and never ever forget.

Written by Eunice Aubert (Isabella’s Mother)