

Bible Verses to Read & Talk About

Which way? Proverbs 14:12, Psalm 37:5

This period of history was a time of great upheaval in Europe. In France, the people decided to get rid of their king and nobility and govern themselves. However, they wanted to find their source of laws in "man's reason" rather than God's truth. Read these Scriptures together and talk about what you learn.

- According to Proverbs, what happens when we follow our own ideas instead of God's? According to Psalm 37, what do you suppose happens when we follow God's plans instead?

Who is invited? Luke 14:15–24

In England and America there was a tremendous move of God known as The Great Awakening. George Whitefield and John Wesley, two of the best-known figures from The Great Awakening, preached to people who were not part of the church—many who were poor, dirty, and rough-mannered. Read this Scripture together and talk about whether Wesley and Whitefield were doing what Jesus described.

- Whom did Jesus describe as being invited first to the banquet? What did the people invited say? Who was invited next? How does this apply to people in the Church? Outside of the Church?

Suggested Books for Reading Together

***The Runaway's Revenge: John Newton* by Dave & Neta Jackson**

Have you ever sung the hymn, "Amazing Grace"? It was written by an ex-slave trader named John Newton, and this is his story, told for children. One of the Trailblazer series.

***The Chimney Sweep's Ransom: John Wesley* by Dave & Neta Jackson**

Another Trailblazer title, this story concerns a boy in the 1700s who works in the mines of England and is helped by John Wesley. It is worth the read.

***John Wesley* by May McNeer & Lynd Ward**

This is a delightful book for children about the great preacher of the Methodist church (though he remained in the Anglican church his entire life!).

***Captain Cook, Pacific Explorer* by Ronald Syme**

An excellent book for elementary children, showing the routes of Captain Cook's voyages in addition to the marvelous story of his life.

***The Marquis de Lafayette, Bright Sword for Freedom—A World Landmark Book* by Hodding Carter**

Lafayette was a major figure just prior to the French Revolution. Unfortunately, when the Revolution began, it did not follow the Constitutional lines as did America. Instead, it exploded out of control. Read the fascinating story of what happened to Lafayette during this time. Great read-aloud.