

LIVING FAITH: Chapter 1

Living Faith is a family activity that helps drive home the point from this week's chapter from The Story.

Spend a few moments one evening going on a family treasure hunt around your house. You can write your own clues or use the ones given. End your hunt at a mirror (either handheld or in a bathroom) so your family can discover God's greatest creation—you!

Clue No. 1

I'm no simple box with doors and a light.
I will keep your food cold, both day and night.

Clue No. 2 (hide in refrigerator)

Yawn. If you're tired, you're coming to me.
For safety and warmth, I'm the place to be.

Clue No. 3 (hide in a bed)

I'm pretty and make oxygen for you.
Give me water—it's the right thing to do.

Clue No. 4 (hide in a plant)

With four wheels and an engine, I go fast.
But without any gas, I cannot last.

Clue No. 5 (hide in car)

Your search is almost over, so be glad.
You wipe your eyes with me when you are sad.

Option 1—takes you to bathroom

Clue No. 6 (hide in Kleenex box)

This is the last clue. Hope it has been fun.
Always wash your hands in here when you're done.

Option 2—takes you to couch where you've put a mirror under the cushions

Clue No. 6 (hide in Kleenex box)

Come to me when you want to sit around.
Lift up my cushions and treasure you've found.

When you find the mirror, ask your kids to identify the treasure. (They should say it's them.) Remind your children that they are created in God's image. Let them know how proud you are of them. Talk about some of the things you appreciate about them and tie that into how those characteristics are from God. Tell them you

expect a lot from them and have high standards because they are God's perfect creation. Encourage them to always follow God and His will for their lives.

Extra Mile

For added emphasis on this week's themes, try one of these activities.

1. Grab a family photo album that has some shots of you enjoying the outdoors. Ask:
 - What do you remember most about this experience?
 - What are some of your favorite things about God's creation?
 - How can you see God's handiwork in the outdoors?
 - Where are some places you'd like to visit?

If the conversation leads, plan a fun family outing or your next family vacation.

2. Remind your children that all people are important to God by taking some food to a local food bank or going through your closets and making a donation to a homeless shelter. Remind your kids that helping the less fortunate shows them God's love.