

Proverbs 16
Having Patience?

The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

1. Family Activity: (This can be done indoor or outdoor)
 - Step Tag: (Play a couple of rounds, depending on how long it takes, with each person getting to be it)
 - One person is it.
 - The leader calls out a number from 1 to 5
 - Everyone takes the number of steps the leader called while trying to avoid the person who is it.
 - When they tag someone, they become it also.
 - No running
 - Questions to ask: (Parent who guided asks the questions)
 - Was it difficult remembering not to run? Why?
 - Were there times you knew you were going to be tagged and just wanted to run or take extra steps?
 - Did you control yourself or break the rules?
 - Why did you make that choice?

Transition: You may have wanted to be able to move faster or take more steps. You may have thought it was unfair the way the game worked. However, the rules were set for you. In life there is absolute truth, God has set that truth. And God has told us that He has a plan for our life. Sometimes it's hard to know what that is but we can trust Him.

2. Devotional: (Proverbs 16:9 & 3:5-6)
 - Read through these verses aloud.
 - Questions to Ask and Things to Discuss:
 - Why do you think that God does things at speeds that we don't like or understand?
 - Do you like to make plans for your life?
 - Do you ask God to help you in making these plans? (Proverbs 16:9 tells us that God has a plan for our life)
 - One way to know if your plans are what God wants you to do is to make sure that these plans are God honoring.
 - Proverbs 3:5-6 talks about placing our trust in God and not our own understanding. Why do you think it says that?
 - We are imperfect and make mistakes.
 - God desires what is best for us.
 - How can you today ask God to help you understand his plan for your life?
 - How are you going to handle no school for the rest of the year?
 - How are you going to ask God to help you respond well with being quarantined with your family for a long period of time?
 - How are you going to seek what God wants you to do to stay close to him and your brothers and sisters in Christ?