## WEEK 1 MATCHING GAME

Need to Know: Get Quiet

**Bible Story:** Jesus Spends Time with God (Luke 5:15-16, Mark 1:35, Matthew 26:36) **Supplies:** Printed & Cut Memory Match Cards (PreK-3) or Memory Riddle Cards (4th-5th)



Pre-K through 3rd grades (adjust instructions to fit your family):

- 1. SAY: Let's play a matching game to see how good we are at getting quiet! To play, we are going to have to do something we don't normally do when we play a game. Let's all whisper while we play.
- 2. PLACE the Memory Match Cards in the center of the group.
- 3. ALLOW kids to take turns choosing two Cards, trying to find a match.
  - When a child finds a match, HAVE him/her show it to the group. Then quietly ASK the question below the picture. ALLOW the child to keep the match.
  - If a child doesn't find a match, he/she should put both Cards back.
- 4. PLAY until all **Cards** have been paired. When the game is over, HAVE kids count their matches.
- 5. SAY: Getting quiet and spending time with God is something we can start doing every day. That's what we need to know. Everyone, say this after me: Get Quiet (finger over lips)

## 4th & 5th grades:

Option 1: Memory Riddle Match (adjust instructions to fit your family)

- 1. SAY: Let's play a game to see how good we are at getting quiet! To play, we are going to have to do something we don't normally do when we play a game. We all have to whisper while we play!
- 2. DIVIDE the group into two teams (if you have enough people in your family). Then PLACE the Memory Riddle Cards in the center of the group and EXPLAIN: Some of these Cards have riddles on the back and others have a picture that will match with the riddles. When it's your turn, you'll choose two Cards. I'll read the back of the Cards to the group. If your Cards match, your team gets to keep the match. If not, you'll put the Cards back.
- 3. ALLOW a child to choose two **Cards** and try to find a match. If the child finds a match, READ the **Cards** to the group and HAVE the child keep them. If the child doesn't find a match, he/she should put both **Cards** back. CONTINUE playing, alternating between teams.
- 4. PLAY until all **Cards** have been paired. When the game is over, HAVE teams count their matches.
- 5. SAY: Getting quiet and spending time with God is something we can start doing every day. That's what we need to know. Everyone, say that after me: Get Quiet.

### Option 2: Group Discussion

- 1. SHARE about the place where you like to get quiet when you spend time with God.
- 2. GENERATE additional group discussion by asking the following questions:
  - What is a quiet, comfortable place where you can spend time with God?
  - Why do you think getting quiet grows our friendship with God?
  - Where and when do you plan to spend time with God this week?
- 3. REVIEW the Need to Know together again: Get Quiet



Wk 1 - PreK-3 - Memory Match Cards



Would sitting at the kitchen table be a good place for you to get quiet? (ALLOW responses)

Yes! You can get quiet and spend time with God before breakfast or after dinner!

#### Wk 1 - PreK-3 - Memory Match Cards



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Your room is a great place to spend time with God!

If you were spending time with God here, would you rather sit on the floor or on your bed? (ALLOW responses)

Wk 1 - PreK-3 - Memory Match Cards





*Raise your hand if you love to spend time outside.* (ALLOW responses)

If you love being outside, that may be a great place for you to get quiet and spend time with God!

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Do you like sitting on a swing? (ALLOW responses)

Would this be a good place for you to spend time with God? (ALLOW responses)

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Why do you think this girl is sitting under a tree reading? (ALLOW responses)

A great way to spend time with God is by reading the Bible in a quiet place outside!

#### Wk 1 - PreK-3 - Memory Match Cards







Where could you get comfortable in this quiet place? (ALLOW responses)

This looks like a great place to get quiet and spend time with God!



A swing goes forward and backward! Who would want to get in the habit of spending time with God here? (ALLOW responses)

Wk 1 - 4-5 - Memory Riddle Cards



Where is a quiet place in your house that you can make it a habit to spend time with God? (ALLOW responses)

Wk 1 - 4-5 - Memory Riddle Cards

Is your room a quiet place where you can get in the habit of spending time with God? (ALLOW responses)



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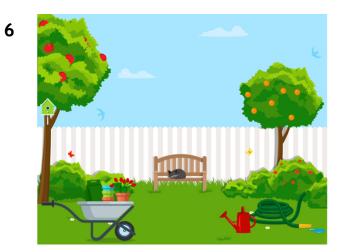
It's a great idea to spend time with God in a quiet space outside! Who would want to get in the habit of spending time with God in a place like this? (ALLOW responses)

Wk 1 - 4-5 - Memory Riddle Cards



Would it be better for you to get in the habit of spending time with God before breakfast or after dinner? (ALLOW responses)

Wk 1 - 4-5 - Memory Riddle Cards



Where is a quiet place outside that you can make it a habit to spend time with God? (ALLOW responses)

Hint: This quiet place might be in a backyard or near a tree. You sit in it and go forward and backward. What are you looking for?

# Hint: This quiet place is outside under something tall and green.

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Hint: This quiet place has a sofa and soft lighting. It might be a great place to spend time with God!



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Hint: This would be a place where you could spend time with God before breakfast or after dinner.

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Hint: You spend a lot of time in this place. It's where you keep your things. 6

Hint: This is a quiet place outside where you could hear birds singing and a cat meowing.



Three people tell me the coziest spot in your house. (ALLOW responses) Those sound like great places to get quiet and spend time with God! Wk 1 - 4-5 - Memory Riddle Cards



What are some ways that your family could spend time with God at the dinner table? (Pray together, share what you've learned at church, read the Bible, etc.)

Wk 1 - 4-5 - Memory Riddle Cards



When you get quiet and spend time with God, what can you read to find out who He is and what He wants you to do? (The Bible) Yes! That's a great way to spend time with God!

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Three people tell me the coziest spot in your house. (ALLOW responses) Those sound like great places to get quiet and spend time with God! Wk 1 - 4-5 - Memory Riddle Cards



Is worshiping God by singing a good habit to have? (Yes) Why? (ALLOW responses) One way we can get quiet and spend time with God is by listening to and singing songs about Him!

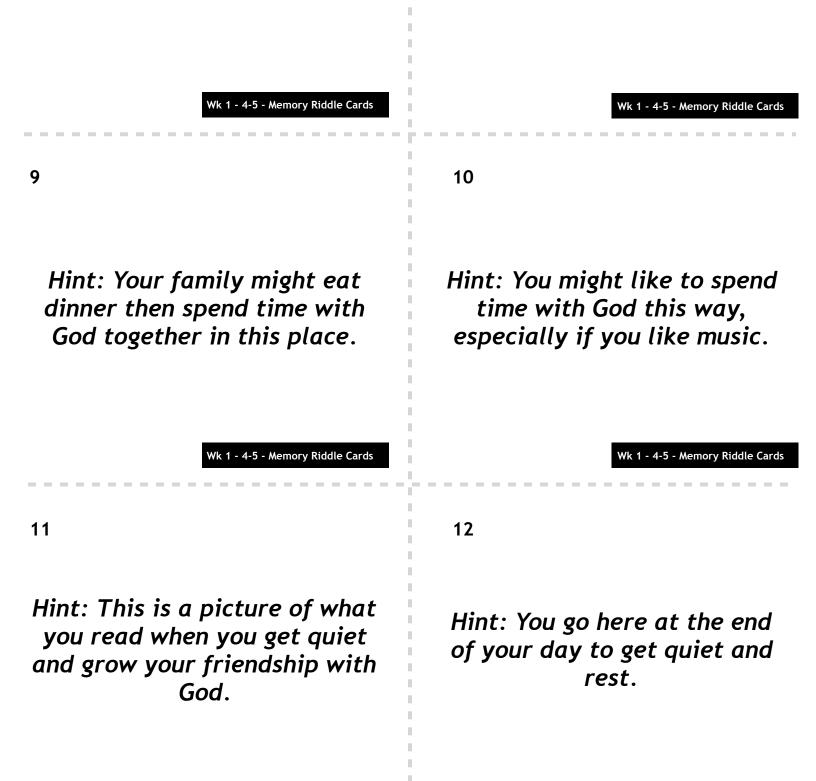
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How do you think you would sleep if you spent time with God before you went to bed? (ALLOW responses)

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Hint: This is a place that is so cozy, you could lie down on a rug to get quiet. Hint: You could sit here and get comfortable while looking out the window.



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