



PARENT COMMUNICATION GUIDE

MISSION: DEEP SEA

INSTRUCTIONS

EMAIL & HANDOUTS

Some parents like to hear from you through regular emails, but other parents like paper handouts, so we've provided both!

Get your **parent email** for this series [right here](#). And get your **parent handouts** for this series [right here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Once you have your monthly email complete, you can repurpose the content in that email on your social media platforms. For parents, we recommend using your **Facebook page to broadcast information to everyone** and a **Facebook group to start conversations just for parents**.

Use the Big Ideas, graphics, videos, and teaching content we provide to fill up the teaching-related portions of your social media plan each day. In the next column, we've written session posts to parents about each day of this series that you can use if you'd like.

Copy and paste these posts into either your Social Media Plan spreadsheet, a post scheduling service like [Buffer](#), or directly onto your favorite social media platform.

Hey parents! Our VBS this summer is called Mission: Deep Sea! Check your email for all the details!

Session 1 of Mission Deep Sea is in the books! We talked about what happened when Moses and the Israelites got to the Red Sea. Here was the Big Idea: People can help my faith grow.

This session, we looked at how Jesus used a kid's lunch to feed a huge crowd. Here was the Big Idea: My faith grows deeper when I use my gifts.

In Session 3 of Mission: Deep Sea, we looked at the salvation story and what Jesus did for us. Here was the Big Idea: My faith grows deeper when I spend time with God.

It's our final session of Mission: Deep Sea! It's been a great conversation with your kids. We closed with a conversation about Jonah and the message he told the people of Nineveh. Here was the Big Idea: My faith grows deeper when I share my story.

And don't forget to use the [#growcurriculum](#) hashtag when you post!



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GROW AT HOME

SESSION 1

At Mission: Day 1, kids hear about how even when everyone was afraid, **Moses trusted God would rescue them at the Red Sea.**

- **THE BIG IDEA:** People can help my faith grow.
- **THE BIBLE:** Exodus 14

SESSION 2

At Mission: Day 2, kids hear about **how Jesus used a kid's lunch of bread and fish to feed a huge crowd!**

- **THE BIG IDEA:** My faith grows deeper when I use my gifts.
- **THE BIBLE:** John 6:1-13

SESSION 3

At Mission: Day 3, kids hear about **the story of Jesus and what He did to save us.**

- **THE BIG IDEA:** My faith grows deeper when I spend time with God.
- **THE BIBLE:** Philippians 2:5-11

SESSION 4

At Mission: Day 4, kids hear about how, after a few detours, **Jonah went to Nineveh to tell the people about God.**

- **THE BIG IDEA:** My faith grows deeper when I share my story.
- **THE BIBLE:** Jonah 1-3

MEMORY VERSE FOR MISSION: DEEP SEA: Ephesians 3:18 (NIV)

*Looking for memory verse sign language you can share with your families and volunteers?
Go to growcurriculum.org/Ephesians3-18 and share away!*



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- **Who are some people in your life that help you grow your faith?**

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