



## Parent Guide

This guide is meant to equip you with discussion questions and conversation starters that you can use throughout the week to continue the conversation about what you and your kids learned on Sunday.

## Sermon Summary

In case you missed it, or if you just need a refresher, here's a quick summary of what we talked about this week in the sermon:

This week's sermon, titled "The Finest Hours," focused on the greatest small boat rescue in United States Coast Guard history, which took place on February 18, 1952. Pastor shared the powerful and heroic story of Bernie Weber and his crew who rescued 32 stranded crewmen from the SS Pendleton during a severe snowstorm. The key points of the sermon highlighted valuable lessons like the importance of prioritizing rescue missions, the need for spiritual rescue, facing challenges, understanding the costs of rescuing others, and the Church's role as the last hope for spiritual salvation. Biblical references like Mark 16:15, 2 Corinthians 1:10-11, John 3:16, and Ephesians 6:12 were used to draw parallels between this historical rescue mission and the spiritual mission of the Church.

## Conversation Starters

*These are things you can talk about with your kids to help further the conversation about what they may have learned on Sunday.*

- Discuss the importance of helping others.

- Why do you think the Coast Guard's motto "You have to go out, you don't have to come back" is important?
- This question is derived from the sermon point about prioritizing rescue missions even at great personal risk.
- Talk about the story of the SS Pendleton rescue.
  - What do you think it felt like for Bernie Weber and his crew when they were out in the storm rescuing people?
  - This question relates to the historical background set up in the sermon.
- Explore feelings about faith and action.
  - How can we show our faith by helping others in need?
  - This question links to the biblical references used in the sermon, emphasizing action in faith.
- Discuss the concept of spiritual rescue.
  - What does it mean to help someone find their way to God?
  - This comes from the sermon's comparison of physical and spiritual rescue missions.
- Reflect on overcoming obstacles.
  - What are some challenges we might face when trying to help others, and how can we overcome them?
  - This refers to the difficulties discussed in the sermon that the Coast Guard faced and the obstacles in our spiritual lives.