THIS WEEK YOUR CHILD LEARNED

What Drives Your Life?

Thank you for trusting us with your young person. If you're new to Designed for Royalty, welcome. We're reading *The Purpose Driven Life* together, one day of the book at a time, and every session points back to one truth: your child was made on purpose, for a purpose.

This week we asked a simple question: if your life were a car, who or what would be in the driver's seat? The answers were honest, and they were brave. This guide helps you keep that conversation going at home, where it matters most.

With love and purpose, Tamika J

What we covered

- Every life is driven by something. To drive means to guide, control, and direct.
- Five drivers steer us off course: guilt, anger, fear, stuff, and approval.
- None of these feelings make a child bad. They just don't belong behind the wheel.
- When God's purpose drives, life gains meaning, simplicity, focus, motivation, and a view of eternity.
- Memory verse: Isaiah 26:3.

Why this matters right now

Kids today feel a strong pull from phones, friends, grades, sports, likes, and followers. Wanting to be accepted is normal. When acceptance becomes the driver, young people can make choices they wouldn't otherwise make, including joining risky online challenges to get noticed. Children who know God accepts them have an anchor when the world's approval shifts.

THE FIVE DRIVERS · WHAT TO WATCH FOR AND WHAT TO SAY

DRIVER	WHAT YOU MIGHT NOTICE	SOMETHING YOU CAN SAY
Guilt	"I'm just bad at this." Hiding mistakes, or being very hard on themselves.	*"What you did is not who you are. God forgives you, and so do I."*
Anger	Holding a grudge for weeks, or refusing to talk to a sibling or friend.	*"Forgiving doesn't mean it was okay. It means anger doesn't get to drive you."*
Fear	Not trying out, not raising a hand, or "What if they laugh?"	*"What would you try if you knew God was with you? He is. So am I."*
Stuff	"I'll be happy when I get..." or comparing what others have.	*"Your value is not determined by your valuables."*
Approval	Checking likes often, or changing how they act to fit in.	*"God made you to stand out, not just fit in."*

TALK ABOUT IT ON THE GO

Car ride conversations

Some of the best conversations happen side by side, not face to face. Pick one for your next ride, and share your own answer too.

AGES 7–12

1. If your life were a car, who's driving right now?
2. What's something brave you'd like to try? How can I help?
3. Is anyone hard to forgive right now?
4. What are three things money can't buy?
5. What's one thing God says about you?

AGES 13–18

1. Which of the five drivers grabs your wheel the most?
2. Is there a time fear kept you quiet when you wanted to speak up?
3. How do likes and followers affect how you feel about yourself?
4. What's something you've wanted that you thought would make you happy?
5. What helps you put God back in focus when life gets loud?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Portrait Mode Night

In class, we used a phone camera to picture what it means to keep God in focus. When you tap one thing on the screen, it becomes sharp and the background blurs. When fear, guilt, or approval tries to photobomb, we tap God back into focus.

1. Open your phone camera and switch to portrait mode.
2. Take a photo of your Bible, a family member, or something that reminds you of God, with the background blurred.
3. Ask: "What tries to jump into our picture and pull our focus?"
4. Talk about what helps you refocus: reading the Word, praying, and talking with God.
5. Use the photo as a lock screen this week as a reminder.

Learn the verse together

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

Isaiah 26:3 · NIV. Say it together at breakfast or bedtime. Kids are practicing it every day this week.

Pray together

God, thank You for making our family on purpose. Take the wheel in our home. When guilt, anger, fear, stuff, or approval tries to drive, help us turn back to You. Keep our minds on You and give us Your perfect peace. Amen.

This week's take-home resources

- **Royal Recap:** the whole lesson on two pages
- **5-Day Royal Challenge:** one version for ages 7–12, one for 13–18. Younger kids do best with a grown-up nearby.
- **Replays:** catch any session you missed

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Next session

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 · 6:30 to 8:00 PM ET on Zoom

Day 4: "Made to Last Forever." Please help your child read Day 4 before we meet.

Questions, prayer requests, or need the Zoom link? Email admin@tamikawoodard.com