



AIRSHIP GENESIS:
THE
INVASION
of Rocket Cove

PARENT GUIDE

The Invasion of Rocket Cove Parent Guide

This parent guide is the companion pilot for you as your young cadet reads *Airship Genesis: The Invasion of Rocket Cove*. This chapter book is not just a fun story—it was written with a purpose—to teach kids how to move forward each day and find their purpose in Christ.

This book is based on the *Forward* teaching of Dr. David Jeremiah. With that in mind, we developed this parent guide to ensure the lessons of this book find their way into the heart and mind of your child.

This guide contains three parts that correlate to each chapter in the book:

- A summary of each chapter to make you conversant with the events in the book. (We also recommend you read this book, or better yet, read it with your child.)
- A lesson based upon Dr. Jeremiah's teaching and the lessons found within *The Invasion of Rocket Cove* book.
- A discussion starter with selected questions and thoughts to begin a dialogue with your child on the topics found in each chapter. (*These discussion starters are designed for short, focused moments and can be used at home, in the car, or whenever you have the time available to discuss the topics found in the book with your child.*)

Chapter 1

The Day a UFO Came to Town

Summary

In this chapter, the Genesis Exploration Squad takes a Pathway to biblical times where the story of the twelve Israelite spies unfolds and they see first-hand the giants that inhabited the Promised Land and witness the spies' dismay at their size. While ten of those spies came back terrified and convinced they would never overcome the giants of Canaan, two spies said otherwise. Joshua and Caleb believed that God would deliver them the land if they took a step forward in faith. After leaving the Pathway, the squad goes from one scene of panic to another. They return to Rocket Cove to find a strange UFO floating over their hometown with the citizens of the town in complete chaos. The squad isn't sure what is going to happen, but, like Joshua and Caleb, they know God will help them no matter what!

Lesson - DREAM

In *Forward*, Dr. Jeremiah discusses how we can trust our dreams—that is, our future and our desires—to God. Furthermore, often our dreams are much smaller than the dreams that God has planned for us.

Dr. Jeremiah reminds us that *Future vision comes from past ventures* and that *everything in your life has prepared you for the next step*.

When Wyatt feels afraid and unsure of being able to face the mysterious UFO floating above them, Cameron says, *Think of the adventures we've already been on, Wyatt. Think about how God has protected us every time. He's been preparing us for this very moment to take on this challenge*.

Discuss With Your Cadet

Ask your cadet: Did you read about how Caleb and Joshua were the only two spies who weren't afraid of the giants in the land? They knew God was bigger than those giants were! What are some things that scare you or make you nervous?

Wyatt was nervous too, wasn't he? But Cameron reminded him that God had brought the squad through some wild adventures in the past, and that they could count on God to do the same again. Can you think of a time when God was there to help you? What about those things you just mentioned that scare you or make you nervous? Do you think God can help you with those fears?

Chapter 2

The Extraterrestrial Bell Blaster

Summary

We discover that Cyrus, Vander, and Norton are behind the UFO—those tricksters! They hover over Rocket Cove Church and steal the church bell and turn it on the town to blast a terrible tone on its citizens, but in the mayhem, Gabi stops and prays. It appears that the power of prayer loosens the villains' grip on the bell and their plan is foiled.

Lesson – PRAY

In *Forward*, Dr. Jeremiah says, *You need to plan if you want to move forward toward God's plans for your life; but you also need to pray, for so much is out of your control. God doesn't always lead you as you expect, so you must improvise by faith.*

The squad finds themselves in a situation that is completely out of control and when they don't know what to do, Gabi says she's "improvising" and turns to God in prayer. The villains tried to drown out the town in a terrible tone, but Gabi knew that the best decision to make in response to the villains' attack was to drown it in prayer. As Dr. Jeremiah writes, *You can't go forward in life without drenching every step in prayer.*

Discuss With Your Cadet

Ask your cadet: What did you think about Gabi praying when all that craziness was going on? Wasn't it awesome how God answered her prayer and helped the squad?

You may never have to face off against a UFO and ask for God's help, but you can always pray for God's help with anything you need help with. Especially when things feel crazy and out of control, you should always pray.

Chapter 3

The Town Square Scare

Summary

The squad wanders into the center of town and soon discovers that the townspeople are living on a recurring loop. Like an endless rerun, they are just going in circles, repeating all the same actions. To help the people caught in the villains' replay ray, the squad must reach out in love to help the people around them.

Lesson – CHOOSE

In *Forward*, Dr. Jeremiah says, *Don't let your life be a rerun. Have the courage to do something new. Whatever God leads you to do, move forward.*

While the citizens of Rocket Cove are literally running on repeat in this chapter, sometimes we all get into the same habits and ruts that keep us doing the same things day after day. We shouldn't let our routines get in the way of serving God and others! There is a lot to get done each day and week, but we need to choose our priorities correctly. And at the top of that list should be loving God, others, and ourselves.

As Dr. Jeremiah writes, *Keeping priorities correctly aligned is a daily challenge. The first step is knowing what's at the top of the list. Once that's settled, other things fall into place more naturally. What comes first is clear: love—for God, for others, and then for ourselves.*

Discuss With Your Cadet

What a crazy chapter! All those people were doing the same thing over and over. Do you ever feel like your days are the same?

Did you notice how the squad helped the townspeople? They reached out in love. That's one of the best ways to change up our day, especially when they start feeling the same—find a simple way to show someone you care. Can you think of something you can do tomorrow to show love to someone?

Chapter 4

The Totally Far Out Space Funk Boogie

Summary

The mayor of Rocket Cove, Viola Plum, holds a celebration in Starbreeze Stadium to raise morale in hopes that the mysterious UFO has left and won't be back to bother the town. But that gives Cyrus, Vander, and Norton the perfect opportunity to attack. They play music that causes all the parents to dance and talk like they're in the past. Emma stays focused and strikes back against the UFO, finally revealing to everyone that Cyrus, Vander, and Norton are behind this mayhem.

Lesson – FOCUS

In *Forward*, Dr. Jeremiah uses the illustration of driving a car, saying that the windshield is large while the rearview mirror is small. We have a wide-open view of the path forward while our view of the path behind us is much less significant. But often in life, we switch the two! We focus so much on the good and the bad in our past and so little on our future.

Dr. Jeremiah says, *Some get stuck on their successes and rest on their laurels. Some are left high and dry by their failures, and fear grips their hearts. You must glance back, learn the lessons of the past, and celebrate your successes with humility. The past lends perspective for the future. But if you linger there too long, your recollections will obliterate your dreams and hinder you from going forward.*

Discuss With Your Cadet

Finding time to discuss this chapter while driving in the car will present the perfect opportunity to explain the illustration above about the size of the car's windshield versus the rearview mirror. Even though kids have fewer years to look back on than adults, there are still plenty of good, bad, hurtful, and sad memories in their past. Remind them to always keep moving forward, learning from the past but staying focused on what's next.

Ask them to think about this chapter—the adults in Starbreeze Stadium became stuck in the past, but it was Emma who was keeping her eyes up and looking forward. That allowed her to see the fireworks, come up with a plan, and get a big win against the villains. Sometimes it is hard to focus on the what is most important when too much is going on. What is one way you can decide what is really important? Suggest making a list together and number the most important items to pray or act upon.

Chapter 5

Out of the Space Zone and Into the Sweet Zone

Summary

Now that the villains have been revealed and their ship has been damaged, the squad pursues them to Silverhorn Skyscraper. And our heroes step out in faith and take a risk, quite literally, as they go on a daring climb up the skyscraper to catch the villains.

Lesson – RISK

In *Forward*, Dr. Jeremiah calls us to step out of our safe zone and into the faith zone. He explains that a life that follows God and moves forward to do His will is not a quiet, safe place. Living for God should always have some risks to it, some unknown that we must walk forward in faith to pursue. After all, if there is no risk and no unknowns, then what good is faith? As Dr. Jeremiah says, *You can't have faith without some risk.*

In this chapter, the squad makes a risky move to climb up Silverhorn Skyscraper in pursuit of the villains. While we don't encourage kids to go climbing a skyscraper, they can still be like the squad who understood their mission, had faith in God, and braved the risk to follow Him!

Discuss With Your Cadet

Ask your cadet: Is there anything about following God that you have questions about? Have you ever read a passage in the Bible and thought, "That's way too hard! I can't do that!"?

Encourage your cadet that as we step out in faith and trust fully in God, we often find ourselves closer to God than ever before and have an awesome, unforgettable experience.

Chapter 6

The Chaos Cloud

Summary

As the villains make their final run for it and take their last flight on *The Foreboder*, they can't help but stir up more chaos in their wake. The villains release a cloud of confusion to keep the squad busy, a gas that causes the people of Rocket Cove to become confused about who they are. The squad reminds the mixed-up people who they are and what they need to do to snap out of it.

Lesson – PURSUE

In *Forward*, Dr. Jeremiah discusses how every person has a unique, God-given purpose. And the way to find out the purpose God has for you is to understand and appreciate what makes you unique. As Dr. Jeremiah says, *Once you understand the uniqueness of you, you'll be well on your way to living out the purpose God created just for you.*

As you pursue your purpose, there are a few ways to know that you are pursuing the right purpose. First, our purpose will always involve God: *You can't find your purpose in life by focusing on yourself and leaving God out of picture. Life isn't about using God for your purposes. It's about God using you for His purposes.* Second, our purpose will also help others: *Here's another clue in pursuing God's purpose for your life. You can be certain that in some way it will always involve serving others.*

Discuss With Your Cadet

Sometimes thinking about our life purpose is daunting and it may seem hard to grasp. A child might think, "I'll get to that one day when I'm grown up." But ask your cadet to think about what they love and what they are good at. What are their talents? It's most likely that God is going to use those things in order to serve Him and others both now and in the future.

And there's no reason not to start now! Help your child think about ways they could take their talents and use them for God's purposes.

Chapter 7

The Real Invasion Begins

Summary

The squad enjoys a moment of victory as the villains' ship is destroyed and all seems to be returning to normal in Rocket Cove. But soon, their happiness is dashed by a new invasion—a giant robot is on the loose and invading Rocket Cove! It looks like the villains aren't done causing trouble in Rocket Cove just yet.

Lesson – BELIEVE

In this chapter, Gabi says “Being happy is a choice,” and Cameron adds, “It’s contagious too.” Gabi and Cameron are describing not just happiness, but joy that comes from God; a choice to see the good no matter the situation. It’s a choice that is even easier when we look at things from God’s perspective.

Dr. Jeremiah describes the same kind of joy that comes from knowing God and how one person’s joy can spread to many others. But we can’t grasp the full power of joy unless we are close to the source of joy—God!

Discuss With Your Cadet

Ask your cadet: Did you notice in this chapter when Gabi says “Being happy is a choice”?

Not all situations are happy or fun, but we can still be joyful when we believe in God. The Bible says that “all things work together for good” (Romans 8:28), so even in the worst of times, we can be sure that God will use even the worst of situations for good. We can find hope and joy in that. And when we believe that in every situation, choosing to have a positive attitude is easy.

Chapter 8

Time to Re-Boot

Summary

The squad has no idea how to take on such a formidable foe! They are left hiding inside Scrumptious Sweets, unsure of what they can do. But after receiving an encouraging message from Pastor Howell, they receive some new powerful boots that Wyatt and Rupert have been working on. With this new attitude and gear, the squad might have a chance!

Lesson – INVEST

Pastor Howell tells the squad, *You know, God is always preparing you for things, even if you don't feel like it. Preparing you for this very moment, for what's next. We can't do the preparing ourselves. God does it. We just have to keep moving. Keep praying. Keep trying new things. Keep making sure we have the right priorities. None of us know the details of God's plan for us. But you have to keep your focus on Him—His purpose, His perspective, His plan, and His prize. He will guide you on the journey. You just have to keep moving forward.*

In every step, God is investing in us and when we grow closer to God and allow Him to work in us and develop us to be more like Christ, we are investing in that same purpose together with God.

God has taught the squad many lessons in the past, which has prepared them to take on this giant. Wyatt and Rupert have also been secretly investing time and effort into a new set of powerful boots for the squad. Now the squad is ready both spiritually and physically to take on this giant!

Discuss With Your Cadet

Discuss the talk Pastor Howell has with the squad (p. 132 or above).

Ask your cadet if they can think of ways God has invested in them. What have they learned from reading their Bible or from church? In what ways have they been able to serve Him and others?

If they can't think of any ways that they have been used by God, that could be a sign that they need to start finding small ways to invest in God's purpose for them. Have them think of some practical and small ways that they can grow by serving God and others.

Chapter 9

The Battle for Rocket Cove

Summary

It's finally time for the squad to finish the fight against the villains and defeat the giant robot that is invading Rocket Cove. The squad uses Scripture to activate their boots and to keep bravely moving forward to finally defeat the giant robot and save Rocket Cove!

Lesson – FINISH

The squad's boots are activated by saying a simple statement: "The Lord is with us, so do not fear," which is taken from Numbers 14:9. These were the words of Joshua and Caleb who were not afraid of the giants in Canaan because they knew God would be with them. In the same way, the squad is ready to take on their own giant with God's help.

The squad also discovers that they have to keep moving forward for their boots to work. Often, we need to take a step of faith. And another. And another. As we sprint into faith, we see the power of God.

As the squad fights the giant robot, they discover that the villains were trying to scare the people of Rocket Cove, which was literally powering their robot. But as the squad gives their fear to God and moves forward bravely, the robot loses power. In the same way, many of the giants in our lives become much smaller once we are resolved to move forward bravely to take them on.

Discuss With Your Cadet

Encourage your cadet to memorize this short paraphrase of Numbers 14:9—"The Lord is with me, so I should not fear." Encourage them to say it to themselves if they are feeling unsure.

Ask your cadet what they thought of this exciting chapter. Ask if they noticed how the boots were activated and how they continued to work. Encourage them to power up their own lives with the power of God's Word and to continue to press forward bravely in faith.

Chapter 10

The Sweet Taste of Victory

Summary

In this short final chapter, the squad and all of Rocket Cove celebrate that the invasion of Rocket Cove has ended and the villains' plans have been stopped.

Lesson – CELEBRATE

The squad serves their hometown humbly and without recognition. As much as they would love to be recognized, they understand that they are meant to serve God and others for God's glory and not their own. Cameron says, *God deserves the credit. He gave us the opportunity to be brave and bold and to do something in His name.* Gabi says, *Heroes don't need medals, they serve because they want to, not because they want some reward in return.*

In *Forward*, Dr. Jeremiah reminds us that we should take moments to celebrate our successes and look forward to our ultimate reward—eternity in heaven!

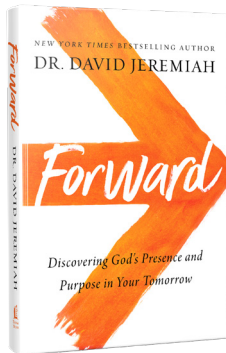
Discuss With Your Cadet

Talk to your cadet about how you celebrate success as a family. It's good to have a healthy balance of humility and celebration. Sometimes we can lean too far in one way or another. In the interest of humility, sometimes we avoid celebrating our successes at all. But on the flip side, sometimes we over-celebrate and take all the credit for our successes, leaving out or minimizing God's role. We should take time to celebrate the good times but ensure that we recognize the good only comes through God's blessing.



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There is something for everyone in this book. The inspirational content, in part or in whole, gives you practical biblical insight into the "what's next" in your life.

Learn how God wants to expand your dream, give you divine direction, plant within you a life purpose, equip you with tools to overcome fear, grant you great personal accomplishment, and find a mission that will outlive your life!

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