

Devotional – Families

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Heritage

Core 4: My Family

Opening

- Today we learned families are important and we should be thankful for our family who loves us!
- Now, let's see what the bible says to us about families!
- *Read, or someone read the Teaching verse. FYI: The memory verse is further down*

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them (mankind) and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

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Big picture

God designed "the family" from the very creation of the world, so let's thank Him for our families!

- Q: Who of you has the most brothers? Who has the most sisters? Does anyone have no brothers or sisters?
- No matter what your family looks like or how many members of your family, we know one thing, God created them all! God created every family.
- The bible tells us God created every one of us and it was His idea to make the family a special part of His plans!
- Genesis 1:28 tells us God designed "the family" as part of the very creation of the world. Think about that!
- Q: Does anyone know where the book of Genesis is found in the bible? That's right the first book.
- Families weren't created later in the Old or New Testament. God created them right at the start of creation in Genesis.
- Families are sooooo important to God He designed them, and we should be thankful to God for ours.
- Just think how blessed you are to have a family:
 - Our family loves us and cares for us.
 - We have such fun with our family. We do fun things with them.
 - We belong to our family and we have a family tree (genealogy).
 - Our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters all teach us many, many things.
 - We are all in God's family and He loves every one of us.
- Q: Have you ever thought what it would be like to NOT have a family? Many people in the world have no family. So, count your blessings for your family!
- Lost people may not think they are part of God's family, but they are, He loves us. He is our heavenly father.

Memory Verse #2

Ask if anybody knows it yet and can say it? Read it together 2X Consider having a memory verse pamphlet for kids take home.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Topical Questions

1. Do any of you have any fun family traditions? (e.g Holiday traditions, sports, music, camping, etc)
2. Why do you think God designed "the family"?
3. Can you share a person in your family you find particularly interesting? Why?

Closing Prayer

Holy Lord Jesus, we thank you most of all that you live in our hearts and that you made us a part of one spiritual body. We pray that you will rule in our hearts and that we will share together in your love and peace for us. Bless our loved ones and help us to remember the many good things you have given us.

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