

God Loves My Family

A few weeks ago we talked about God knowing us and loving us. We also talked about how we are each important to God and how Jesus is our shepherd and takes care of each one of us. This week we want to talk about how God loves all of our families!

(Reference - Genesis 2:24, Psalm 127:3, Ephesians 6: 1-4. Genesis 18:10-15 & 21:1-2 is the story about Abraham, Sarah & Isaac).

Did you know that.....

God created families so that we could love each other? He did!

God created families so we can take care of each other? He did!

Everyone in a family is important? They are!

Everyone in a family has a role/job to do? They do!

God knows and loves all the members of your family? He does!

It's important to love our families too? It is!

Children (you) are a gift from God? You are!

Children are to obey (listen to) their parents? You should do your best to!

Parents are to love their children and take care of them? God wants them to!

Memory Verse: Psalm 127:3 Children are a gift from God...

Lesson: **Bible Story:** Abraham, Sarah and Isaac

Many years ago there lived a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah. Abraham and Sarah had been married a long, long time, but they had never had any children. One day God promised Abraham and Sarah a son, even though they were very old. (*Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90!!*) Although it seemed impossible, Abraham believed what God had promised! Not long afterwards, baby Isaac was born! God had blessed all of them!

God knows and loves our family members.

- The story of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac is about a family.
- Who is in (y)our family?
- Does God know who you are? (*Yes!*)
- Does God know who your family members are? (*Yes!*)
- Does God care about you? (*Yes!*)
 - And God cares about all the members of your family!
- God loves you and all your family!

Children are a gift from God.

- The Bible tells us that God made families and that God gives us children, just like God gave Abraham and Sarah a son. (*Isaac*)
- The Bible says that “Children are a gift from God!” Did you ever think of yourself as a gift? (*That’s kind of funny isn’t it?*)
- But the Bible says that children are a gift from God.

Children are to obey their parents.

- Think about your family. What do the people in your family do? (*Listen for answers*)
- Everyone in a family has different jobs to do.
 - Did you know that as a child you have a job to do?
 - The Bible says that children are to obey their parents.
 - What does that word, obey, mean? (*Obey means to do what you are asked by your parents.*) **[Give some examples.]**

Parents are to love and care for their children.

- Parents have a job to do too! (give examples how you love & care for your children)
- Parents are to love their children and take care of them.
- This is another reason God made families!

Let’s pray and thank God for making families!

Dear God,
Thank you for making families!
Thank you for our families!
Help us to love everyone in our family!
Amen.

Suggested Activities: Can do one or both.:)

Children are a Gift from God (see PDF)

Write “Children are a gift from God... Psalm 127:3” on a sheet of paper. Have your child draw the various members of their family on the paper. Help them write the names for the people on the paper.

Paper Links

Cut out strips of construction paper (white or colored paper- whatever you have on hand) 1” wide and 8” long. Allow your child to write the names of their family members on the strips. Make paper chains with the strips of paper by taping the ends of one together and putting the second strip through the first one before taping again. (Or you can staple them as well.) This is a simple activity to show how each family is ‘connected’. 😊