

FULL HOUSE: A SERIES ABOUT FAMILY



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By the end of this series, learners will understand the physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges that family life might bring.

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Love Matters Most

Week 1

The goal of this lesson is to help the student understand that we are to all love one another, especially our family.

Learning Activities

- Book of Questions: What is your most unusual nighttime or morning ritual?

Learning Readiness

Say: Today, we are focusing on the concept of loving others, especially our family.

Ask: What might be some reasons that it is hard to love your family?

Bible Study

Lesson Objective: The goal of this lesson is to help the student understand that we are to all love one another, especially our family.

Read: John 13:31-35 & 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

John 13:35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;[a] 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Knowledge Questions

1. What is the new commandment that Jesus gives us in this passage?
2. What makes us a disciple according to John 13:35?

Comprehension/Understanding Questions

1. Describe what love is according to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.
2. How do these two scriptures complement each other?

Applications Questions

1. Of the ways love is described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 which one is the hardest to do in your opinion?
2. What can we do to better demonstrate our love for our family?

Synthesis Questions

1. Can you explain how loving your family is showing obedience to God?

2. Can you summarize the message that Jesus and Paul are trying to get across in these passages? What does Jesus tell us, what does Paul tell us?

Evaluation Questions

1. If you were to evaluate yourself would you say you are showing Biblical love towards your family and others?
2. Can you explain why love matters most? What does that mean to you and what does that mean Biblically?

Conclusion

We live in a world that seems to be surrounded with hate and division, yet we see a Biblical call to love others in the midst of everything. Christ calls us to love others and it all starts at home with the way we love our family. Make an effort to love your family better each and every day this week.

Announcements

Leaders, communicate any announcements for your group and the ministry.

Fractured Families

Week 2

The goal of this lesson is to help the student understand that even in the Bible there were fractured families, yet in the trying times these families had there was still grace, forgiveness, and love.

Learning Activities

- Book of Questions: If you could wake up tomorrow and gain any ability, quality, or talent what would you choose?

Learning Readiness

Say: Today, we are focusing on the topic of fractured families.

Ask: What do you consider to be a fractured family?

Bible Study

Lesson Objective: The goal of this lesson is to help the student understand that even in the Bible there were fractured families, yet in the trying times these families had there was still grace, forgiveness, and love.

Read: Luke 15:11-32

11 Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. **13** “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild

living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ 20 So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. 25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ 28 “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me

even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ 31 “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Knowledge Questions

1. Name all the characters in this story.
2. Why did the prodigal son come home?

Comprehension/Understanding Questions

1. What may cause a fracture in a family?
2. Describe the difference between the prodigal son and the older son?

Applications Questions

1. Why was the older son so angry?
2. How can we apply the story of the prodigal son to our spiritual life and family life?

Synthesis Questions

1. The father welcomed home his son with open arms, how is this an example of how we should respond to division in our families?
2. Can you summarize the message that Jesus is telling in this passage?

Evaluation Questions

1. If you were to evaluate yourself would you say that you are truly showing your love to your family?

2. What person in this story are you more like right now? Are you like the father, the prodigal son, or the older son?

Conclusion

One area that Satan loves to attack us is at home with our family. If Satan can get our family to keep our eyes away from Christ then he has succeeded in his goal to cause fraction and division. We must be like the father in this story, loving our family regardless of how far they run or turn from the Lord we must be ready and willing to love them. Maybe there is division in your family, be like the father and show love to your family, focus on Christ and allow God to do the healing.

Announcements

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Mindset In Family Changes

Week 3

The goal of this lesson is to help the student understand that troubling times come and go, but when trials come in our family it makes it hard to keep a good mindset. The students will understand how they can keep their mind focused on their faith even in the most troubling times.

Learning Activities

- Book of Questions: What autographs of celebrities do you have or do you want?

Learning Readiness

Say: Today, we are focusing on the topic of mindset in Family Changes .

Ask: What would you consider a big family change?

Bible Study

Lesson Objective: The goal of this lesson is to help the student understand that troubling times come and go, but when trials come in our family it makes it hard to keep a good mindset. The students will understand how they can keep their mind focused on their faith even in the most troubling times.

Read: James 1:2-8

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and

complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Knowledge Questions

1. Why does James say that we should consider our trials as joy?
2. How does James describe the double minded person? Why is this dangerous?

Comprehension/Understanding Questions

1. What may cause you to lose your focus on Christ in the middle of troubling times?
2. One of the toughest things to seek in hard times is wisdom, what does James say we must do when we ask for wisdom?

Applications Questions

1. How do most people respond when there is some sort of trouble or tragedy in their lives?
2. How can we apply the message that James has for us about trials to our lives?

Synthesis Questions

1. List out some ways that you can keep your mind focused on Christ in the midst of family change?
2. Can you summarize the message that James is telling in this passage?

Evaluation Questions

1. If you were to evaluate yourself would you consider yourself mature and seeking wisdom?
2. What does it mean to be wise and how does that impact how you handle tragic situations in your life?

Conclusion

There is no doubt that all families go through changes. Those challenges will be a test to our faith and we are meant to grow from them. James tells us that in these situations we are to consider these trials as joy because they produce perseverance. We should seek wisdom and growth in these trials which will help us grow, even in the most troubling situations.

Announcements

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Obedience

Week 4

This lesson is all about obedience. The Bible calls us to be obedient to our parents and this is a showing of our faithfulness to God.

Learning Activities

- Book of Questions: What is the worst tasting thing you've ever eaten?

Learning Readiness

Say: Today, we are focusing on the topic of obedience to our parents.

Ask: What makes it hard to be obedient to your parents?

Bible Study

Lesson Objective: The goal of this lesson is all about obedience. The Bible calls us to be obedient to our parents and this is a showing of our faithfulness to God.

Read: Ephesians 6:1-9

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”^[a] 4 Fathers,^[b] do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. 5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord,

not people, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. 9 And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Knowledge Questions

1. What does Paul tell us to do in (v.6-7?)
2. What does Paul tell us to do, and why is it important?

Comprehension/Understanding Questions

1. What may cause you to be disobedient to your parents?
2. What is dangerous about being disobedient?

Applications Questions

1. How can we prepare ourselves to be obedient to our parents and to God?
2. How can we apply the message that Paul teaches on obedience to our lives?

Synthesis Questions

1. List out some ways that you can show obedience to your parents.
2. Can you summarize the message that Paul is telling in this passage?

Evaluation Questions

1. If you were to evaluate yourself would you consider yourself to be obedient to your parents?
2. Describe what Paul means in (v.8) when he says that "God will reward us for whatever good we do."

Conclusion

There is a call that we are to be obedient to our parents and with that obedience we honor God. God does reward faithfulness and we remain faithful to what He has called us to do. Don't run from obedience, run to it and God will use that in a mighty way!

Announcements

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