



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 7: Family

Younger Preschool

Theme Verse

“Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12).

Objective

Families love one another.

Teach

Bring the whole family together for this lesson. For your younger preschooler, this will be the most important visual in teaching them this week’s biblical truth: family. One parent or older sibling can be assigned the role of leader for this teaching activity. One family member at a time will hide somewhere nearby and the leader will say “(Child’s name), where is daddy (or mommy)?” Then the family member will jump or step out of the hiding spot and say “Here I am! I love you, (Child’s name)!” The leader can also hide and ask the question themselves or have the other parent or older sibling ask the question. Change it up by doing this in a whispering voice and then a loud voice.

Discussion Questions

1. Ask, “Who does mommy love?” Then answer for your younger preschooler, “Mommy loves (Child’s name)!” and give him or her a hug. Repeat this activity with different pairings of family members “Who does (Child’s name) love?” and answer “(Child’s name), you love daddy!”

Play

Find several toys nearby (ideally human characters, but animals can work as well) and allow them to play the role of a family member. Use this as roleplay/playtime with your child. Create a scenario for the toys to interact and play out a common daily occurrence with which your child would be familiar: lunchtime, bedtime, playtime, car time, etc. Try to create a scenario where one of the family members is demonstrating love. The goal is to remind your child that God has given each family member different roles and responsibilities within the family, but they all are called to love one another.

Live it Out

Throughout this week, remind your child how each family member loves one another. Keep the truth as simple as randomly announcing, "I love you, *(Child's name)*!" or "*(Child's name)*, I sure love your mommy!" Take the time each day whenever you can pray, either at mealtime or bedtime, and pray for each family member by name and thank God for them.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for making our family! We love You Lord, and we love each other. Thank You for everyone in our family. Amen!