

God Creates Families

Theme : Families are a gift from God

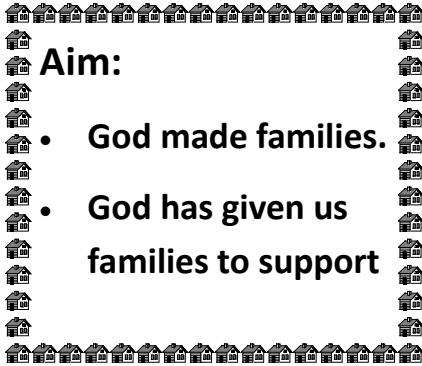
Opening Prayer:

Father God, We thank you for our families. Allow us Lord to love them. Amen.



Aim:

- God made families.
- God has given us families to support



Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24 and Genesis 4:1-2

Genesis 4: 1- 2

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man' this one was taken."²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become

one flesh. ¹Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the LORD." ² Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.



Teacher's Preparation

1. Provide photos from a family(personal or from a magazine). The members in a family should love and help each other. Focus on the family – Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel .Parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts) – Teachers Note: Stress that family is not just the immediate family.
2. What members are in your family? If you have a brother, clap your hands 2 times. Continue on with sister, grandparent , aunt, uncle etc.
3. Bring in 5 sticks (pencils) tied together. Give each child a try to see if it can be broken. It cannot be broken. But when they are separated as separate sticks (pencils) it can be broken.

Activities

1. Materials needed: Paper, colored pencils

Draw a picture of your family. Talk about things that students will like to do with their families

Lesson Review

- Parents need each other to take care of the family. One person cannot do it by themselves.
- Even if we fight with our brothers and sisters, they still love us.
- When people work together, they can accomplish big things. They can help each other, and take care of each other.

Student Introduction to the Lesson

- Ask the students what are different things that they need help with.
- Ask them how their family helps them with things that they need help with.
- Ask the children how they can help their family.
- Tell children that it is important to bring their needs and their family needs to God.

Main Ideas

God saw that Adam could not do everything by himself. God made Eve to help Adam. (Explain that help is in the sense of two people with different skills working together to accomplish a common goal.) In their home, both parents work together to raise the family, they share responsibilities – working, cooking, cleaning, taking them to school and other programs, helping them with their homework, etc. Also bring in ways on how grandparents, uncles, and aunties can also help.

God gave Adam and Eve children (just like God gave your parents you.) Parents are responsible to take care of the children. Children are responsible to love and obey their parents. They are also supposed to love the rest of their family. They have a responsibility to love their brothers, sisters, cousins, etc...

Ask the children if they play with their brothers and sisters (or cousins.) Some may say that they fight with their brothers or sisters (cousins). Cain and Abel also fought. When they fought it made God sad and it made their parents sad. So when we fight with our brothers or sisters it makes our parents sad, and it makes God sad.

If our parents told us not to fight with our brothers and sisters, obeying our parents means not fighting with our brothers and sisters.

Values for Life

Families are a gift from God.

Our families love us and help us.



Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12a

Honor your father and mother

Closing Prayer:

Help us O Lord to love our families. Help us O Lord to obey our parents. In Jesus name we pray. Amen



Use the above picture or recreate one with colored paper and make the children write names of the family members and maybe draw them on the different hand prints

Image Reference: <http://www.sharefaith.com/image/jesus-prays-with-family.html>