

God is Love Teacher's Topic Guide Year 3

Topic: Families

Duration: 5 weeks

God cares for families

God is love. He loves every family and has provided families for love, care and protection. Living in families is God's plan. Every family is special. God provides for children and protects them, through the family structure. Children feel safe in the care of their parents. A family provides food, shelter and love.

People in families belong to one another. Parents love their children very much, and children love their parents. It is God's plan for family members to show love, respect, loyalty and support for one another.

Bible stories and passages

Luke 15:11-32 A story about a father who forgave his son.

Luke 2:41-52 A visit to the temple. Jesus obeyed His heavenly Father.

John 10- The Good Shepherd; our heavenly Father loves and cares for us.

Matthew 2 Baby Jesus was protected by the flight to Egypt

Exodus 1-2 Protection of baby Moses

Psalms 68:5-6 God cares for the orphans and protects widows; He gives the lonely a home to live in.

Bible Verses

2 Corinthians 6:8 I will be your Father and you shall be my sons and daughters.

1 John 3:1 See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that He has called us His children.

John 1:12 Those who receive Him are called children of God

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind.

Ephesians 6:1 Children obey your parents in the Lord.

Joshua 24:15 As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

Key Questions

What is a family?

Why did God choose to place us in families?

How does living in a family help us to get the things we need?

What are some of the problems that family members may have in getting along together?

What should we do when we have family disagreements?

How can family members help each other?

Who made the rules for families?

What are some of the rules?

Activities

- Describe the family life of Jesus as a boy.
- Make a photo collection of your family.
- List members of your immediate family. List other members (extended family).
- Find out information from grandparents. What was different when they were young?
- Create a timeline of the history of your family, from grandparents through to the youngest family member.
- Draw / discuss the things that are special to your family - house, pets.
- Discuss the ways in which families celebrate special events together.
- Draw or write about a special family outing that you have enjoyed.
- Describe family members, their roles and occupations. Write about them.
- Discuss the advantages / disadvantages of being the oldest or youngest family member.
- Discuss different types of families: large, small, single parent.
- Discuss the ways in which missionaries have provided homes for children who have been orphaned (Ps. 68:5).
- Measure and graph heights of family members.
- Discuss the way that God wants us to treat our family members: *loving; obey parents; be helpful; express thanks; play peacefully with brothers / sisters; forgive*
- Describe how your family shares in activities with other families.
- Discuss ways in which family members work together, and the value of working together.

Values education Year 3

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Loyalty

Loyalty is ...

- not choosing the opposite side
- sticking with someone through difficult times
- caring about people
- doing what you say you will do
- commitment
- helping the people closest to you, like your family and friends
- faithfulness

Loyalty is like tape or glue that is really strong. It doesn't come apart easily. When your friends or family go through difficult times, you can practice loyalty by encouraging them and finding ways to help. Difficult times could be when people are sick, when they have a lot of work to do, when they feel stressed, or when things go wrong.

Practice loyalty and you will be a better friend, a better family member, and a better student!

Your family members are like your team. You need to stick with them, help and care for them for the whole of your life.

Questions

1. When did you stick up for someone in your family?
2. How do parents show loyalty to their children?
3. How can children show loyalty to their parents?
4. How can you be loyal to your brothers or sisters?
5. Who and when has someone helped you or your family through a difficult time?

What does the Bible say about loyalty?

Proverbs 21:21 He who pursues righteousness and loyalty Finds life, righteousness and honor.

Romans 8:35-39 Nothing can separate us from the Father's love.

Matthew 26:33-35 But Peter told him, "Even if everyone else turns against you, I certainly won't!" Jesus told him, "I tell you with certainty, before a rooster crows this very night, you will deny me three times." Peter told him, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the disciples said the same thing.

Proverbs 18:24 There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times.

Art Year 3

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Biblical connection: Jesus lived in a family. God made us to live in families.

Bible art as a wall display:

Children's drawings of their family.

2 Corinthians 6:8 I will be your Father and you shall be my sons and daughters.)

(See footnote)

1. Drawing

- Draw your family, including yourself. Write the names of family members.
- Frame the drawing to look like a family portrait.
- Draw things you like to do together with family members.
- Draw your family members doing activities: walking to the shops; sweeping the floor; digging in the garden etc.

2. Painting

- Paint two pictures of your home: one looking at the outside; one showing a room on the inside.

3. Construction

- Make something as a gift for Mum or Dad.

4. Modelling

- Make a cup or a bowl that you could use in your house.

Making the "God is" sign

Children play a part in making a colourful wall sign, "God is Love". The teacher provides large open letters for children to decorate with colours and patterns. One letter can take up one A4 sheet of paper. The finished letters are put together collectively to make the sign. Art work related to the theme as well as an appropriate Scripture verse is displayed under the sign. This is the procedure for each subsequent theme studied.



Thinking Skills Love Yr 3

Families 1

Draw your home.

Now change it by:

B – Make one part **bigger**

A - **Add** something extra

R – **Replace** one part with something else.

Families 2

Name 10 things that you would NEVER find at home.

Families 3

Brainstorm 5 ways of helping your parents.

Families 4

What if there were no rules at home?

Give 3 ideas for your answer.

Families 5

Write an acrostic poem using the word:

F

A

M

I

L

Y

Families 6

Work out 5 different things that this picture could tell you about your family.



<p style="text-align: center;">Families 7</p> <p>Dinner time has been cancelled.</p> <p>Give 3 reasons for this.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Families 8</p> <p>How is the lifestyle of a family of ducks different to your family life?</p> <p>What are some similarities?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Families 9</p> <p>You have to judge the “Father of the Year” competition.</p> <p>Give 3 rules that you would use.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Families 10</p> <p>Make up 3 rules that will help families get along well together.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Families 11</p> <p>Make a model of an activity your family likes doing together.</p> <p>Use straws, boxes and rubber bands.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Families 12</p> <p>“Primary school children should not have to help at home.”</p> <p>Give 3 bad points for this idea.</p>