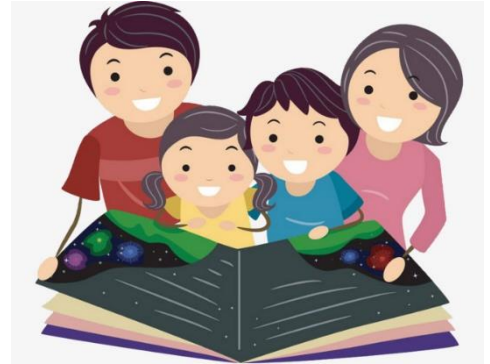


Faith Builders: One Big Family

Parents, you are welcome to use these ideas to help build your child's faith and encouraging them to become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

Quick Pick

Look at pictures of your family in a photo album or on a video. (Challenge: How many different relatives can you find pictures of?) Talk about how God's family is made up of many different people just like your family.



“You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household.”

Ephesians 2:19



Key Word

God's family are people who have accepted God's love through Jesus and who have promised to love God and each other.

Fun at Home:

Use play dough. Mould the dough into small people to represent each member of your family.

Now, Do the Craft activity provided and/or the game!

GETTING CRAFTY:

What Each Child Needs:

water
brown acrylic paint
plastic cup
paintbrush
11x18-inch (28x45.5-cm) sheet of white poster board
newspaper
drinking straw
green construction paper
scissors
markers
glue stick



What Each Child Does:

1. With an adult's help, mix equal parts of water and brown paint in plastic cup. Using mixture, paint a tree trunk on the poster board. Hold the poster board upside down over a sheet of newspaper and let paint drip down to form tree branches. Tilt poster board from side-to-side as paint drips to change direction of branches. After branches are formed, create more small branches and twigs by blowing paint on the paper through a drinking straw.
2. Set painting aside to dry. Draw and cut several leaves from green construction paper. Write the names of each of your family members on the leaves. Do not forget to include grandparents, cousins, etc.
3. Your painting should be dry enough to glue leaves on the branches. Use markers to draw additional items such as grass, the sun, birds, etc.
4. Hang your picture somewhere in your house where your family will see it on a regular basis. Use the painting as a reminder to pray for each member of your family.

GETTING ACTIVE

What You Need

volleyball or tennis ball optional

What You Do

1. Shortly before Jesus returned to heaven, He promised to be with the members of His family both now and in the future. Let's play a game where we call out each other's names to remember that we can all be members of God's family.
2. Children stand in a circle. Choose one child to stand in the center of the circle and be the Ball Tosser. Ball Tosser throws ball straight up in the air and calls the name of one of the children. Child whose name was called moves to get the ball, becoming the Ball Catcher. All other children move around the playing area, attempting to move away from the Ball Catcher. When the Ball Catcher gets the ball, he or she calls out "Freeze" and all other children must freeze.
3. Ball Catcher rolls the ball at any of the other children who must be standing on one foot but can lean out of the way of the ball. The child who is first touched by the ball becomes the Ball Tosser for the next round. If the ball does not touch any child, the Ball Catcher becomes the new Ball Tosser. Children return to circle position and the new Ball Tosser throws the ball again, calling out the name of a different child. Repeat play as time allows.