



May 17th Elementary Family Lesson



Bible Story: A True Friend (1 Samuel 19:1-6)

Today's Takeaway: I should work for peace with God and others.

Series Verse: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (James 1:2-3 NIV)

Weekly Verse: "God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be blessed?
(If you have a personal relationship with Jesus, you are forgiven of your sins and God's divine favor and protection cover you. You have hope no matter what happens because God will always be with you, and one day you will live with Him forever where no more bad or sad things will impact you.)
2. Who did Jesus say would be blessed in His seventh Beatitude – Matthew 5:9 - and how would they be blessed? *(Those who work for peace/ They will be called the children of God.)*
3. What does it mean to work for peace or be a peacemaker?
4. Give an example of a way you can be a peacemaker this week.
5. Have kids look up these verses and discuss them as a family.
Luke 19:38, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 1:20

Activity Ideas:

1. Quick Grab

What You Need:

- A non-breakable item (or one you don't care if it breaks) to grab like a paper ball, a shoe, a beanbag, a toy, etc.

What You Do:

- Have two or more participants line up an equal distance from the item (about 5-10 feet away).
- Read one of the following fill-in the blank sentences.
- Any participant who knows the answer, should try to be the first to grab the item.
- Whoever grabs it first, gets to answer.
- If their answer is correct, they get a point.
- If their answer is incorrect, allow the participant who was next in line to grab the item try to answer in order to earn a point.
- If nobody gets the answer, share the answer with them, and then use that fill-in the blank again later in the game.
- Talk to the kids about how God wants us to work to be at peace with others, but that is not possible unless we are first at peace with God. We can be at peace with God when we ask Him to come into our lives and forgive us of all our sins and the bad things we have done. When we are at peace with God, He will help us find ways to act peacefully towards others and resolve conflicts whenever possible. He can even help us be at peace in our hearts towards those who refuse to be at peace with us or mistreat us.

Fill-in the Blank Sentences:

1. Today's Bible story told us about Jonathan being a good friend to _____. (David)
2. The king that wanted to kill David was named _____. (Saul)
3. Saul was Jonathan's _____. (dad)
4. Today's true story about Jonathan standing up for David is recorded in this book of the Bible: _____. (1 Samuel)
5. Beatitude is another way to say _____. (blessed)
6. The Beatitudes were said by _____. (Jesus)
7. The Beatitudes are from this book of the Bible: _____. (Matthew)
8. The Beatitudes are in Matthew chapter _____. (5)
9. Today's beatitude says blessed are those that work for _____. (peace)
10. Those that work for peace will be called _____. (children of God)
11. Our _____ makes us enemies of God – not at peace with God – because God is holy. (sin)
12. God sent Jesus to _____ for our sins, so we could be at peace with Him. (pay/ die)
13. God wants us to work to be at peace with _____. (others)

***If you use all these questions, but your family wants to continue to play, ask them questions about the other beatitudes that we already learned or just any other Bible or fun questions. You could even have them fill in the next word of our series verses James 1:2-3...like you would say, "what word comes next: Consider it pure _____" or "whenever you face _____" or "the testing of your faith develops _____" etc. ***

2. PEACE of Art

What You Need:

- Writing utensil and paper
- Other art supplies would be great

What You Do:

- Show your kids a peace sign, and learn the origin of it at <https://www.britannica.com/story/where-did-the-peace-sign-come-from>
- Have your kids make a piece of art that includes the peace sign, and Matthew 5:9. (If your child is younger, help them make their artwork)
- Encourage them to write an uplifting note on their artwork to someone who has been a good friend to them or that they think is a peacemaker.
- Mail their artwork and note to the person it is intended for or just take a picture of it and send it to the person it is intended for through text or email.
- Talk to the kids about how God is the ultimate peacemaker, and how the most important peace anyone can have is peace with Him. Explain that God made a way for people to be at peace with Him through His Son Jesus' death and resurrection. Tell them that they can be at peace with God today and forever by asking Him to come into their lives and forgive them of all their sins/ bad things they have done.
- Then discuss how God calls us to be peacemakers like He is. What does that look like? Is God at peace with everyone? Why not? Can we be at peace with everyone always? Why not?
- Talk about how the person they wrote their note to is living out the calling to be at peace with others as much as it depends on them and how each person in your family can, as well.

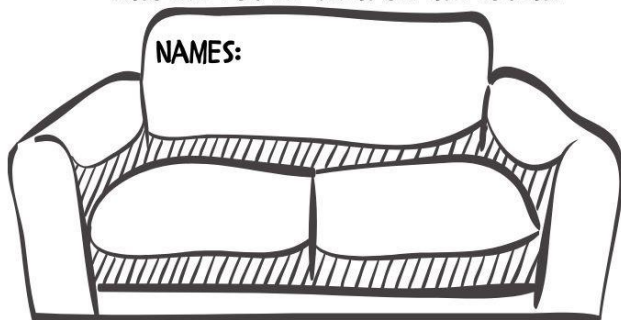
***** If you have a printer, the next page is for your kids to take notes while watching the online service... *****

• MONTH _____
 • DAY _____
 • YEAR _____

Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



HOW DID YOU WATCH THE
SERMON FROM HOME?



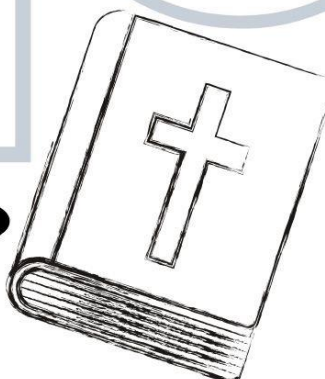
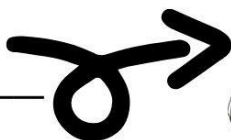
WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

IF YOU DIDN'T SIT ON THE COUCH, DRAW A PICTURE
OF HOW YOU VIEWED TODAY'S SERMON OR DRAW
A PICTURE OF WHO YOU WATCHED THE SERMON
WITH:

ARE YOU IN YOUR
JAMMIES OR CLOTHES??
DRAW A PICTURE:

A WORSHIP SONG THAT
WAS SUNG:

TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:



3 BIG
THINKS
FROM
TODAY'S
SERMON YOU
CAN ASK GOD
TO USE TO
GROW YOU
CLOSER TO
HIM:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

SOMETHING
SPECIFIC
THAT WAS
PRAYED FOR:

SOMETHING
SPECIFIC YOU
ARE PRAYING
FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT
CHURCH AT HOME?