



May 31st Elementary Family Lesson



Bible Story: Jesus, the True Vine (John 15:1-14, 13:34-35)

Today's Takeaway: God loves us, so we can love others!

Series Verse: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV)

Weekly Verse: "We love each other because He loved us first." (1 John 4:19 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you know that someone loves you?
2. How do you show someone you love them or care about them?
3. What has God done to show you that He loves you?
4. What can you do to show God that you love Him?
5. How can you maintain a close relationship with God?
6. Optional: Look up these verses and discuss them as a family.
- 1 John 3:1, John 15:13, Psalm 136:26

Activity Ideas:

1. Three Legged Race

What You Need:

- Something to tie two legs together (a ribbon, a piece of clothing, a bandana, a rubber band)
- A few to several pieces of fruit or cans of fruit or just write the fruit of the Spirit on cards

What You Do:

- Tie your left leg to your child's right leg or you could tie two children's legs together. (You could also make this a race if you have at least 4 participants.)
- Practice walking around together as if you were one creature with three legs.
- Talk about how Jesus said that if we remain in Him, we will bear much fruit.
- Set out several pieces of real fruit or some cans of fruit or papers with names of the fruit of the Spirit written on them about 30 feet from you and your child (still tied together as the three legged creature).
- Work together to go get each piece of fruit one at a time and carry them to different designated areas around the room.
- Talk about how spending time with God, accepting His love that never runs out, and staying close to Him enables us to then spread His love to others.
- Also, talk about what spreading His love could look like – could mention the different fruit of the Spirit and/ or actions that show love to others like listening, helping, sharing, forgiving, etc.

2. Love Puzzle

What You Need:

- Paper or cardstock, writing/ coloring utensils and scissors

What You Do:

- Give each participant a piece of cardstock or paper and a writing utensil and / or coloring utensils.
- Have everyone write the series verses (Galatians on 5:22-23) on one side of the page and the weekly verse (1 John 4:19) on the other side.
- Allow them to color and decorate them if they would like, but they do not have to.
- Next have them cut up their paper into 10-20 (10 for younger kids) pieces like a puzzle.
- Trade puzzles with each other, and see if each of you can put the puzzle you get together.
- If you want to, you can trade again or keep the same one, but try to put the puzzles together with the other verse facing up this time.
- Talk again about how God shows love to us, and how we can show love to God and others.

Family Prayer:

Take a few minutes to pray as a family to wrap up your time together.

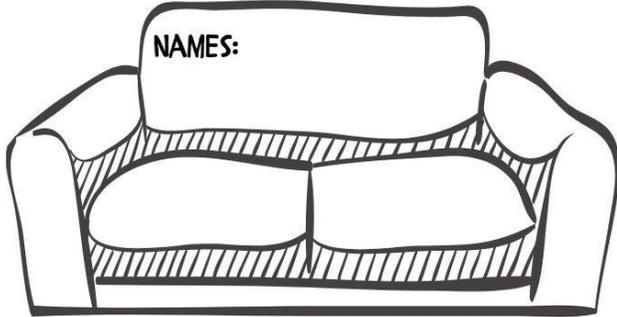
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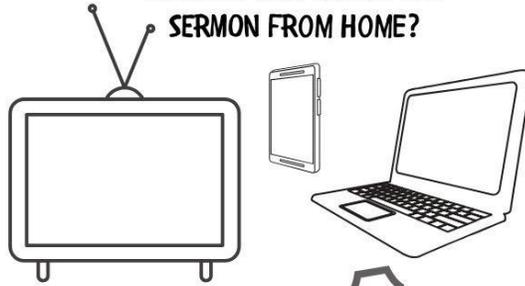
Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



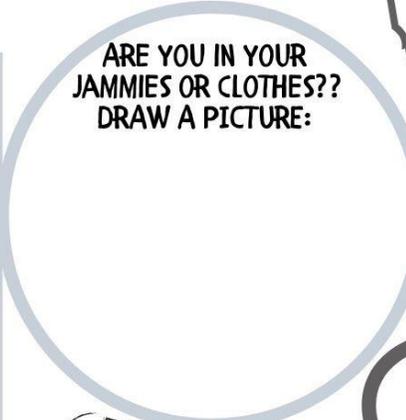
HOW DID YOU WATCH THE SERMON FROM HOME?



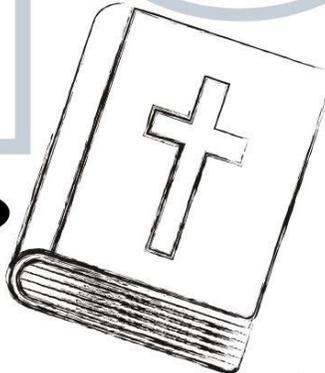
WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

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:



TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:



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

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2

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SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT WAS PRAYED FOR:

SOMETHING SPECIFIC YOU ARE PRAYING FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CHURCH AT HOME?