

Study Guide: Family of God

Overview

This message launches a series on family by focusing on what it means to belong to the family of God. Membership is based on what God has done through the blood of Jesus (not our religious activity). Three practical metrics help evaluate healthy family membership: improving (not perfect), loving (not all-inclusive), and producing (not just consuming).

Study Guide: God's Family

(For kids ages 5–11)

Overview

God has a big, special family! Anyone who loves Jesus and follows Him can be part of it. Being in God's family isn't about being perfect or just going to church. It's about knowing Jesus loves you, growing closer to Him, and helping other people know Him too.

Big Ideas

- **God made us His kids** because He loves us so much. Jesus paid the way with His blood so we can be in the family.
- **We keep getting better** (even when we mess up). We don't have to be perfect—we just keep trying to follow Jesus every day.
- **God's love is for everyone**, but only the people who choose to follow Jesus get to be in His forever family.
- **We grow and share** instead of just taking. Real family members help others and show God's love by what they do.

Fun Questions to Think About

- How does it feel to know God calls you His child?
- What's one way you're getting better at following Jesus right now?
- Do you think it's more important to *look* like a Christian or to *act* like one? Why?
- Who is someone you can show God's love to this week?

Things You Can Do This Week

- Tell Jesus “thank You” every morning for letting you be in His family.
- Pick one small way to get better (share a toy, say something kind, or read a Bible story).
- Do one kind thing for someone else so they can see God's love.
- At bedtime, ask yourself: “Was I a little more like Jesus today?”

Fun Group or Family Talk Ideas

1. Which of the big ideas is your favorite, and why?

2. Share a time someone helped you feel like you belonged. How can we help others feel that way?
3. Act out a short story: one person is the “leafy tree with no fruit” and another is a tree full of yummy fruit. What’s the difference?
4. As a family or group, invent one fun way this month to help each other grow and share God’s love.