



Weekly Family Worship

April 24, 2016

Know: God is the perfect Father.

Think: Grasp that through faith in Jesus Christ, we are children of the perfect Father.

Do: Live in close relationship with the Father, love and obey Him, and invite others to become His children through faith in Christ.

Read—John 17:1-26.

We should not be surprised that the God who designed the family is Himself “the Father.” But the word father raises different emotions and images to different people. God is both like, and unlike, our earthly fathers. What does it mean that God is our Father, according to the Bible?

Worship — Praise to God.

Good, Good Father — Chris Tomlin

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

Do—Walk With God

Option 1: Talk with your children about their father, or grandfather. Discuss the role that a father has in a child’s life (e.g., to love, to discipline, to provide, to comfort, to protect, to listen) and explain how those roles also apply to God as our Father in Heaven. When we feel like we are alone, our heavenly Father is always there to listen and to comfort us. Explain to your children that even though their father loves them very much, their heavenly Father loves them so much more. (If a father figure is not present in your children’s life, explain that God plays that role in their lives.)

Option 2: Play an “association” game. Fill in the blank with the first word that comes to your mind: “When I think of a/my dad, I think of _____.” (If your child mentions negative qualities—perhaps growing out of a not-so-good or non-existent relationship with a dad—these responses can turn to teaching points because you will emphasize the positive, healthy qualities of a father.)

Pray—Talk to God

We can walk in a close personal relationship with our Father in Heaven. Pray that you and your family will not take advantage of your relationship with God. Pray that you will take time every day to talk with and learn more about God.

Pray for the Unreached...

Country: Indonesia

People: Baduy

Main Religion: Islam

Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3

Memorize — Meditate on God.

Isaiah 45:5 —I am Yahweh, and there is no other; there is no God but Me. I will strengthen you, though you do not know Me,

This week in Sunday School...

Preschool

Today your child learned about a father who forgave his son who wasted all of his money. The son was so hungry he wanted to eat with the pigs. He decided to go home to ask to be his father’s servant. When his father saw his son, he ran and welcomed him home. God our Father loves and forgives us just like the father in the lesson. God Has Many Names and Father is one of them.

Elementary

Your student learned another name for God is Father. He or she learned Jesus prayed to His Father and gave us the model of how to pray. Jesus prayed for Himself, His friends, and for those around Him who didn’t yet believe. God, our Father, hears all of our prayers and is faithful to answer them.

Youth

Teens discussed our relationship with God as being that of a child and a perfect Father. Talk with your teen about how this relationship should lead us to live both in relation to God and to those around us.

How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups?

Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.

- **Pray for great outpouring of God’s Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically discipled and will grow in Jesus!**

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