



SUMMERTIME FAMILY DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF 06/14/20

OUR FAMILY

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES: PSALM 52:3, EZEKIEL 31:4

BIG IDEA: GOD BLESSED US WITH A FAMILY: FAMILY - SHARE - CARE - JUST BE THERE.

ACTIVITY - FAMILY TREE

SUPPLIES:

- POSTER BOARD/CONSTRUCTION PAPER OR PLAIN PIECE OF WHITE COPY PAPER
- BLACK SHARPIE MARKER
- BOX OF MARKERS
- COLORED PENCILS
- PENCILS
- PICTURES (OPTIONAL)

COST: IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE MOST OF THESE SUPPLIES AT HOME ALREADY, I RECOMMEND YOU GO THE CHEAP ROUTE AND TAKE A TRIP TO THE DOLLAR STORE OR ORDER ONLINE FOR DRIVE UP SERVICE! THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE UNDER \$10.00.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1.) Write down the members of your family (you can decide if it's the family you live with or to include grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins).

2.) With a pencil, draw a tree with a trunk, branches, and leaves. The number of branches will represent the members of your family to draw on your tree. Above each branch, draw a box.

3.) For each branch box, write down a family member's name.

4.) Color in the tree – trunk, branches and leaves.

5.) Draw a picture in the box or paste a family photo.

6.) Agree upon a spot in your home to hang your Family Tree.

DEVOTIONAL:

Do: Open your Bibles to Psalm 52:8 and Ezekiel 31:4

Read: Psalm 52:8

Say: This passage in the Bible reminds us of God's unfailing and unconditional love.

Ask: What does unconditional love mean to you?

Allow Responses...

(Love, no matter what. We are all children of God, and He loves everyone equally.)

Ask: During the Covid-19 pandemic, how has our family grown and what new habits have we made part of our new 'regular routine'?

Allow Responses...

Read: Ezekiel 31:4

Say: This passage reminds us that just like nature, each of us needs to tend to our 'soul' and let those we love and trust 're-fill our bucket of happiness'.

Ask: Why do we need to refill our soul?

Allow Responses...

(So we can pass on the light and love of Christ to all we meet without bitterness or resentment but instead show kindness and unconditional love. We can't give of ourselves if we are empty.)

A NOTE FROM LAURA WOLTERS: Below is a Family Prayer that my parents taught my siblings and I when we were growing up (there were four of us – I'm the oldest of four). As we now all have families of our own, when we're all together at my parent's house, we say this prayer together at every meal.

Family Prayer

God made us a family. We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another. We work together. We play together. We worship together. Together we use God's word. Together we grow in Christ. Together we love all men. Together we serve our God. Together we hope for Heaven. These are our hopes and ideals.

Help us to attain them, O God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.