



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 9: Holy Spirit

Younger Preschool

Theme Verse

“God the Holy Spirit will help you follow Him” (Ezekiel 36:27).

Objective

God loves me.

Teach

Providing your children with a focus on God and Jesus will prepare the foundation for teaching about the Holy Spirit when they are older. For this week’s lesson, focus on love. The sentence “I love you,” and variations will be used in this lesson: “Mommy loves you,” “Daddy loves you,” and “God loves you!”

Select a few of your child’s favorite toys, items, or snacks. This lesson can take place at any moment, but it would be most opportune to engage your child with one of their favorite things. “*(Child’s name)*, you love your bunny! And mommy loves you!” Make an enthusiastic emphasis on the word “loves,” and spread out your arms demonstrating that your love is big. This emphasis implicitly teaches how God desires the love between people to be greater than the love of objects. Next, make an even bigger emphasis with enthusiasm in your voice and gestures with your hands saying, “God loves you!”

Discussion Questions

Whether or not your child repeats the words you say, it is helpful to model this. Ask the question “*(Child’s name)*, who loves you?” and then answer, “God loves you!” Repeat this several times with enthusiasm and big gestures with your hands stretched out to show that God’s love is big. Provide your child the opportunity to attempt to answer the question

“Who loves you?” with the answer “God!” Repeat the answer multiple times to model this for your child. Repeat this process multiple times.

Play

During this time, either use your child’s favorite toy or activity and play with them. Narrate periodically for your child about how you can see that they love this toy or activity. Or another option is to use some of your child’s toys and act out a scenario where one toy tells the other that they love them.

Live it Out

During the upcoming week repeat asking the question, “Who loves you?” and help them answer with “God!” Continue to use opportunities when your child is engaged in their favorite toy, eating a favorite food, or playing a favorite game to teach how God’s love is the greatest kind of love.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for (*Child’s name*). I love him so much! You love him so much! Thank You for loving the whole world so much! Amen.