



Supplies:

- ☐ LifeWay's *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 1* DVD
- ☐ Disney's *Finding Nemo* DVD
- ☐ LifeWay's *100 Action Games That Really Work Vol. 1* CD

Bible Truth & Memory Verse:

Level of Biblical Learning (Family): God wants me to show love, respect, cooperation, and consideration for all persons in my family.

God wants us to love our families.

“Children, obey your parents as you would the Lord, because this is right.” **Ephesians 6:1**

Movie Connection: (15 min.)

Say, “We are going to watch a scene from the movie *Finding Nemo*. This is at the beginning of the movie where Nemo is getting ready to go to school.”

Play scene 3 (“First Day of School”) at 5:18. **Stop** the movie at 10:51.

Why was Nemo so excited?

What happened when Nemo quickly swam out of his home?

How did Marlin, Nemo’s dad, react?

How did Marlin handle Nemo going to school and to the drop off?

Why was he so worried?

Say, “Marlin, Nemo’s dad, loved his son very much. And Nemo loved his dad. Nemo showed his dad that he loved him by obeying him about going to school and being careful about leaving their anemone. God wants us to love our families too. Let’s learn about Jacob and Joseph, who also loved their family.”

Bible Connection: (10 min.)

Open your Bible to Genesis 37 as you tell the story. **Read** the following aloud.

Jacob is a man who lived in a place called Canaan. Jacob had 12 sons but he loved the youngest son, Joseph, the most. Joseph’s brothers were jealous of him because they wanted their father to love them just as much as he loved Joseph.

One day, Joseph’s brothers were watching the sheep in a field far away from their home. Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers. He was told to see if they and the sheep were OK.

When the brothers saw Joseph was coming to visit them, they became angry. The brothers decided to kill Joseph. But one of Joseph’s brothers, Reuben, tried to save Joseph. Reuben encouraged the brothers to place Joseph into a hole in the ground. Reuben planned to help Joseph escape when their brothers were not watching. Instead, Joseph’s brothers sold him into slavery. Reuben was sad that he couldn’t save Joseph.

Joseph’s brothers did not want to tell their father Jacob the truth. They knew Jacob would be angry at them for what they had done to Joseph. Instead, Joseph’s brothers gave their father Joseph’s coat that had been torn apart in several places. Jacob believed that Joseph had been attacked by a wild animal and had been killed.

Jacob was very sad as he thought about Joseph. He missed his youngest son because Jacob had loved Joseph very much.

Discuss

How many sons did Jacob have?

Why did the brothers not like Joseph?

What did the brothers do when Joseph found them?

What did the brothers tell Jacob about Joseph?

Say, “Jacob loved Joseph very much. He also loved his other sons. Joseph’s brothers lied to their father and hurt their brother. Instead of being like Joseph’s brothers, God wants us to love our families.”

Hands On: (15 min.)

Before class, **download** the directions for “Adam Had Seven Sons” from *LifeWay’s 100 Action Games That Really Work Vol. 1* CD. **Guide** children to play the game.

Say, “To play the game, you had to listen to and watch the person in the middle. You had to do what that person did and said. God wants children to watch and listen to their parents. He wants children to obey their parents. We can show our parents that we love them by obeying them.”

Praise and Worship: (5 min.)

Play *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 1* DVD selection 1. **Guide** children to sing along.

Pray

Thank you, God, for my family. Amen.



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- ☐ Art supplies to make a picture frame
- ☐ Poster board and marker
- ☐ Camera, if possible

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Opening Activity: (10 min.)

Write the letters of the word *family* down the side of a poster board. **Guide** children to think of a word starting with each corresponding letter that describes families.

Say, “God has given each of us a family. God loves our families very much, and He wants us to love our families too. God also wants us to obey our parents. Let’s learn about what Paul told children about obeying their parents.”

Bible Connection: (10 min.)

Open your Bible to Ephesians 6:1-3 as you tell the story. **Read** the following aloud.

Throughout the Bible, we learn that God says it is very important for children to obey their parents. God instructs parents to guide children to do good things and think good thoughts.

Paul was a man who loved God and taught many people about God's love. Paul was a Christian who preached to people everywhere he went. Some people didn't like Paul's preaching and sometimes Paul was put in prison for preaching the Gospel. At other times, Paul was beaten and robbed because of his beliefs about God.

Even though Paul went through all of this, he still preached to the people and he wrote letters to Christians in many different cities and towns.

Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in the town called Ephesus. Throughout the letter, Paul instructed the Christians on how to live lives that would please God. Paul even talked to the children! Paul said children should obey their parents because that would make God happy.

Paul also wrote a letter to the Christians in Colossae. In this letter, he also talked to children. Paul said children should obey their parents in everything because it pleases the Lord. Paul said we should do everything without complaining. He said we should do all of our work—school work, cleaning our rooms, helping with our brothers and sisters—as if we were helping God Himself!

Throughout the Bible, God makes it clear that children should obey their parents. The Bible also teaches that families are gifts from God.

Discuss

Who was Paul?

Why did Paul get in trouble?

What did Paul say to children in his letters to Christians?

Say, “God gave us our families and He expects us to love our families. Sometimes it's not easy to get along with everyone in our families but God wants us to always obey our parents and love our families.”

Hands On: (20 min.)

Make a picture frame for a picture of each child's family. Use any craft supplies already on-hand—cardstock, construction paper, glitter, stickers, etc. **Print** the memory verse on the frame. Be sure to leave space for a picture of each family. If possible, **take** a picture of each family while at church.

Say, “God loves each of our families. He wants us to be happy in our families and love each other. As you look at a picture of your family, thank God for each person in your family. Ask God to help you obey your parents and to be kind to your brothers and sisters.”

Praise and Worship: (5 min.)

Play *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 1* DVD selection 6. **Guide** children to sing along.

Pray

Help me, God, to be kind to my family. Amen.