

SPECIAL EDITION

Pastoring Your Kids



PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

1

Sunday

CHURCH TIME

2

Monday or Tuesday

BIBLE TIME

3

Thursday or Friday

FAMILY TIME

WEEK 1

AGAPE
GOD'S LOVE
IS UNCONDITIONAL

MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God." (KJV)

BOTTOM LINE

God is love.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- 1 John 4:7-8
- John 3:16
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MAIN POINT:

God is love. He demonstrated His love by sending His only son to die on the cross for us. We cannot earn God's love and there is nothing we can do to keep Him from loving us. No matter what we do, God's love for us is unconditional and it never changes.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Do you love the people in your family (your mom, dad or siblings)?
2. Do you ever get mad at your parents, brothers or sisters? When you are mad at them do you still love them?
3. Do you think there is anything you could do to make your mom and dad stop loving you?
4. Do you think there is anything you could do to make God stop loving you?

DISCUSS:

- Your friends, or even your brother or sister can like you one minute and be mad at you the next. God is not like people.
- He loves us unconditionally. Jesus was the perfect example of love in that He gave His own life for ours.
- His sacrificial love has made it possible for us to spend eternity with our Father in heaven that loves us.

3. FAMILY TIME

LAUGH OUT LOUD

MAIN POINT:

God loves us no matter what!

WHAT YOU NEED:

A chair, a clock with second hand, and a small prize

WHAT YOU DO:

- The goal of the game is to be the last person to start laughing.
- Pick one person to be "it"; that person has to sit in a chair in the middle of the family.
- Each family member has to take turns trying to make the person who is it, laugh.
- Time the person who is "it" to see how long they can make it without laughing.

- The person who can make it the longest wins the game – the winner gets the prize!

AFTER THE GAME:

- Talk about how easy it was to get some people to laugh, and how hard it was to get the winner to laugh. It seemed like no matter what everyone did, they had a hard time getting them to laugh.
- God's love for us is unconditional. No matter what we do, good or bad, God's love for us never changes because He IS love. We can't do anything good enough to make Him love us more, and we can't do anything bad enough to make Him love us less.
- No matter what we did to make the winner of "Laugh Out Loud" laugh it couldn't be done – no matter what we do to God we can't make Him stop loving us!

God's love for us is no joke!