

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 3

AGAPE

AGAPE LOVE IS INSIDE US

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 5:5, "...God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit..." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Agape love is inside us.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- Romans 5:5
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

MAIN POINT:

The Bible says in Romans 5:5, "...God has poured out his love into our hearts...". When we accept Jesus into our lives He takes our hard heart and makes it soft. He fills our heart with His love so that we can share it with others.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Sometimes we think we "can't" love another person, but we know, according to the Word, that His love is IN us.
- With His love IN us, we have the ability to love others, even when it's hard!
- Has there ever been someone who you were challenged with in "loving"? If so, what did you do?

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Have you noticed a time when you felt like showing love to someone, even when they didn't deserve it?
2. Why do you think you choose to love that person?
3. Do you feel like God helps you walk in love with others?
4. What do you do when it's hard to love others?

3. FAMILY TIME

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?

MAIN POINT:

God's love is IN us.

WHAT YOU NEED:

2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 Kool Aid package unsweetened, 1 Tbsp oil and 1 cup water

WHAT YOU DO:

- Bring the family to the kitchen to make homemade play-doh (if you have several children make a double batch so everyone has some to work with).

DIRECTIONS TO MAKE PLAY-DOH:

- Mix together 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, one package unsweetened Kool Aid.
- Notice the dry mixture is NOT Play-doh; it's just a pile of powder.

- Mix in the oil and water and divide it so everyone has some.
- Have everyone knead the dough until it becomes smooth and they can form a shape with it. Now that it's all mixed together, it can be used to play with.

DISCUSS:

- We are all like that dry mixture (of just flour, salt, and dry Kool Aid). We are like a pile of powder that can't do much.
- Once we accept Jesus into our lives, God's love is automatically deposited into us.
- It's like He takes our powder and adds His water and oil, which is love.
- Once He adds His love we become useful. With His love on the inside we have the ability to love others.

FAMILY TIME:

- Let everyone make people or animals out of the dough.