

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 4

AGAPE

**SELFISHNESS IS
ABSORBED IN GOD'S
LOVE**

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 13:5, "...love does not insist on its own rights or its own way..." (AMP)

BOTTOM LINE

Love is never selfish.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- Romans 12:10
- 1 John 4:7-8

MAIN POINT:

We've been learning that God is love and His love is already in us. Because His love is in us we have the ability to love others, put others first, and not be selfish. God's love should show through us when we are with others.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Preferring others takes practice, but we know we can do it!
- We have to learn to put others first, just like God did when He gave up His only son for us!
- Discuss ways you can choose to not be selfish.

Examples: Allowing others to choose the movie or game first. Letting others have the bigger cake or cookie.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Do you usually let other people pick the movie, game, or food you're going to eat?
2. Do you think it's easy or hard to share your candy, clothes, or Ipod with others?
3. How do you feel when someone else puts you first or shares with you?
4. How do you feel when you put someone else first or share with them?

3. FAMILY TIME

LET'S PLAY SPOONS

MAIN POINT:

God's love is IN us.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Two decks of cards, plastic spoons (one for each person playing)

For directions to the game visit:
[http://www.wikihow.com/Play-Spoons-\(Card-Game\)](http://www.wikihow.com/Play-Spoons-(Card-Game))

WHAT YOU DO:

- The dealer gives each player 4 cards.
- Place spoons in a circle, if 5 people are playing, use 4 spoons (1 less per person playing).
- The goal of the game is to get 4 of the same number cards (for example, 4 number 4's, or 4 Kings, etc)
- The dealer starts by taking the next card on the deck, they either keep it or pass it on to next player. (Only four cards at a time in hand.)

- Continue to pass cards (face down) to the person sitting next to you until someone gets 4 of the same cards.
- When someone has four matching cards, they should grab a spoon.
- Last one left without a spoon is out. Start another round with the remaining players; continue until you have a winner.

DISCUSS:

- After the game, talk about what it felt like to be the one left at the end of each round with no spoon. No one likes to feel like they didn't get something that everyone else got. It stinks!
- The game of Spoons is definitely NOT the way we're supposed to act with others. If we grabbed what we wanted from our friends, we wouldn't have any left.
- The game of Spoons leaves someone without a spoon and out of the game. If we can make sure we play the game of life with a better attitude, like sharing instead of grabbing, we can make sure no one gets left empty handed. Play life according to God's rule- Prefer others and walk in love – not by Spoons rules! In God's game, no one gets left without love and no one is out of the game!