

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 9

AGAPE

LOVE IS NEVER JEALOUS

MEMORY VERSE:

I Corinthians 13:4, "Love is never envious or boils over with jealousy." **(AMP)**

BOTTOM LINE

Love is never jealous.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- James 3:14-16
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
- Ephesians 5:20

MAIN POINT:

The Bible teaches us that love is not jealous. The definition of jealous (according to the English Dictionary) is: unhappy because you want something someone else has. When we are walking in love we are not jealous of what others have; instead we are happy for them.

DISCUSS:

- If we focus on what we don't have, instead of what we do have, we become unhappy and jealous.
- We should be thankful for what we have. God has blessed each of us with so much!
- When we are jealous and unhappy about what we don't have, we are ungrateful. A heart full of love is one that is thankful for all God has blessed us with.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Have you ever been jealous of something someone else has? What was it?
2. How can you deal with it when you feel jealous?
3. How do you feel when you focus on what others have that you don't?
4. How do you feel when you focus on the things you are thankful for?

3. FAMILY TIME

What's in Your Glass?

MAIN POINT:

Learn to focus on what we have and not what we don't have.

WHAT YOU NEED:

A pitcher of water, a clear glass, piece of paper and pencil for each person.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the family.
- Give each person a glass and fill them halfway with water.
- As each person is looking at their glass ask, "Is your glass half empty or half full?"

DISCUSS:

- When we look at our glass and see it as "half empty" we are looking at it in a negative way. If we look at

it and see it as "half full" we are looking at it in a positive way.

- God wants us to look at our glass as "half full". He wants us to do this because we should focus on what we do have (half full) instead of what we don't have (half empty).

TO DO:

- Have each family member make 2 lists.
- First list - things they wish they had that they don't.
- Second list - of things they are thankful for.
- Have everyone tear their list in half and throw away the half of the list that has the things we don't have.
- Next combine everyone's list into one master list and give it a title. For example, The Johnson Family Grateful List.
- Pray together and thank God for ALL the blessings He has brought your family. Next time someone is feeling jealous. Pull out the list as a reminder of what they can be thankful for!