

first place love @home: ENVELOPE ACTIVITY CARD

The Point: Families who have regular, biblical faith practices at home can leave a strong legacy of loving Jesus with all their heart and lives. This summer, we will practice just one faith practice mentioned in the Bible: God-talks while sitting at home. Our prayer is that your summer @home activities will turn into a permanent part of family life. *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons **and shall talk of them when you sit in your house...**”* (Deuteronomy 6:5-7a).

Parent Preparation: Read through the entire activity sheet before your meal time to see if there are any preparations you need to make. Adapt this to your family’s personality and ages of your children. Read through **“FPL EXTRAS”** on the back to see if there are preparations required for any optional activities you choose. Gather your family around the table in keeping with Deuteronomy 6:7. Be sure to have the FPL placemat, FPL Envelope, everyone’s own Bible, and any other preparations ready.



WEEK 2:

Parent Say: Today, we are going to start our God-talk outside today with our Bibles.

Have Everyone Find Genesis 1:1 and Psalm 19:1 in Their Bibles: Take this opportunity to be sure everyone knows how to find these books of the Bible by looking in the *Table of Contents* at the beginning of the Bible. Then practice a few times getting there quickly (make a game of it if you want). See if you can find Psalms by turning to the middle page of the Bible.

Have someone read Genesis 1:1 and Psalm 19:1. (If possible, read from the youngest child’s Bible. Everyone should follow along in their own Bible while another reads aloud.)

Parent Say: These verses tell us that God made everything. God made the earth and everything on the earth. He also made everything we can see in the sky during the daytime and at nighttime. Out of all the things that God made on the earth, what makes you think “wow!”? Out of all the things in the sky, what makes you think “wow!”? Take turns so everyone has a chance to answer.

Parent Read John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16. Say, “These verses tells us that Jesus is God and made everything for a very important purpose. He made everything for Himself. Everything we just talked about were created for the glory and enjoyment of Jesus. Now, let’s go inside, where we can finish talking about these things while we eat.”

Someone Else Say: “The sun, moon, stars, oceans, animals and flowers show the glory of Jesus because Jesus made them. When we say “wow” to a flower, we are giving praise to the Flower-maker. When we look up at the sky and say “wow” at how beautiful the stars are against the black sky, we are praising the Star-maker.”

Parent Say: All of these things that Jesus made give praise to Him because they are awesome and Jesus makes awesome things. But, there is one thing that Jesus made that is different than all the others. Do you know what it is? Wait for answers. It is people! People can praise Jesus because we are made awesome, but also because we can actually return our love to Jesus and treasure Him. Only people can love Jesus with all of their hearts.

Ask: How can people love Jesus differently than flowers, stars or animals? How does Jesus love people differently than the rest of His creation?

Family Prayer: *“Jesus, you made us for You. You want to love us and You want us to give our hearts to You in return. We pray that during this summer, we would give our love and affection to you, and learn to truly treasure You with our hearts and our lives. We pray this for your glory, Amen.”*



Congratulations! You have completed your the Week 2 First Place Love Envelope Activity! Have a child take the sticker provided in the envelope and place it on the treasure map side of the placemat over the Week 2 position. In conclusion of the challenge: Take a selfie of your family holding up your envelope activity and placemat marked with a sticker. We will use this picture to redeem your family prizes and to encourage one another. Post the picture and comment on the [FBCW Young Families Facebook](#) page followed by this hashtag: #FPLEnvelopeWk2



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Extra Music: Look up the Seeds Family Worship song Psalm 139:14 on YouTube if you don't own it. Play the song and discuss as a family. Sing the song throughout the week until you can say the verse from memory.

Extra Family Field Trip Project: Find a time and location to take a nature walk or museum that will showcase the beauty of creation. On that trip, identify amazing creations and discuss what the creation tells us about its Creator. Talk about how Jesus must feel about His creations. Read Matthew 22:37 and discuss why the Creator's greatest command for us is to love Him. Refer to your Adult Sunday School guide for insights on discussing this.

Extra Family Activity: During your God-talk, or some other time during the week, pull out some paper, paints, markers and other art supplies. Set up an area where you and your child will make a piece of art that you will frame. You can work on a piece together or on individual pieces. Ask the child how they feel about their creation. Ask them if they are proud of it. What does it say about them? What does it say about God who made them? Ask them if their art can show love to them. How? Ask what it would feel like for something you made to love you? Imagine how it could love you? Would it have to be able to talk, or move? Discuss the love Jesus has for us, His creation. Now, write the words, "Jesus made us for Himself—Colossians 1:16" and hang the art in a prominent place as a reminder that Jesus made us in such a way that we are able to love Him and to be loved by Him.