

Parent Encouragement & Preparation on the back along with “FPL Extras”—optional activities to supplement the front

**THE BIG IDEA:**  **King Jesus leads and empowers us to love the lost**

**Someone Read:** Last week we looked at the quality time we spend with God in His Word and prayer—identifying a place, a time, and a plan. We briefly mentioned the importance of following quality time with God with continual prayer throughout the day so that we are in continual fellowship with the Lord and living under His reign. Whether or not we live this way is not only important to us, but to everyone around us that we touch in some way.

**Play Seek and Find:** Divide your family into two teams. Your family will select an item to hide somewhere in the house. Decide ahead of time on places that are out-of-bounds and a prize for being the fastest to find it. Send one team outside while the inside team hides the item. Bring in the other team to seek for the item—choose a time limit to find it. Give the other team a turn. If no one wins, do a tie-breaker round. **Discuss:** How did it feel to be looking for something? How about after a few minutes? What kind of cooperation and focus did it take to find the item? If there was no time limit, how long would you be willing to seek for the item? Why?

**10th Heart Compartment: Read Luke 19:10, John 20:21 and Matthew 28:18-20.** Christians are sent by King Jesus Himself into the world to seek and save the lost, just as Jesus was sent into the world to seek and save the lost. The “lost” are persons who have not turned to Jesus as Lord and Savior in faith and repentance. Christ sent us to seek them so we can share the good news with them. In the last empty compartment, draw an image of, or write the word, “lost,” and place them in the King Jesus chair. Just as the lost moved the heart of the Savior to seek them sacrificially, so do the “lost” move our hearts when we are walking with Jesus.

**4xfour Challenge:** The *4xfour* (pronounced “four-by-four”) **Challenge** encourages believers to share Jesus with four people who are lost. There’s nothing magical about the challenge itself, but it invites believers to participate with, and surrender to, Christ the King in powerful ways. Read the key features to your family:

**identify** *4 people who are unchurched* — Ask Jesus to help you identify the unchurched people He intends to use you to bring to Himself (suggested 4 times a week). As He helps you identify them, write their names down where you and your family will remember to pray for them.

**intercede** *4 times a week for these people* — Pray to Jesus for these 4 people to turn to Christ. Talk to Him about being ready for your role, big or small, in the next two steps.

**invest** *time in building relationships* — Ask Jesus for love, opportunity and guidance to invest your time into an authentic relationship with each person in which you can share the gospel.

**invite** *these 4 people to key events* — Ask Jesus for love, opportunity and guidance to invite each person to enjoy your hospitality, class or church events, and to turn to Christ in repentant faith.

**Move it!:** Place your King Jesus chair so that it faces your main doorway. Pray as a family that those who live outside of your home will be impacted for eternity by those who live inside your home.

**Someone Pray:** Let’s huddle up around the King Jesus chair and pray together: *“Lord Jesus, we understand Your call on our lives to be so in love with You and so changed by Your Spirit within that we can’t help but reach out to others in Your name. Place within our hearts a love so powerful for those without You that it even overcomes any fear of rejection or discomfort. We pray that, even at great cost to ourselves, we would have the privilege of being used by You to introduce those who are lost to Jesus. We pray specifically for \_\_\_\_\_, who are lost. Purify us so that as we represent You in the power of the Spirit, that people would be drawn to Christ in us. These things we pray for God’s glory. Amen.”*



**Congratulations!** You have completed your Week 13. **If it is before midnight August 31st, you can claim your mega-prize of a \$118 scholarship for the Family Mission Trip or other FBC mission adventure.** Have a child take the sticker provided in the envelope and place it on the Quest for the Crown placemat over Week 13. **REMEMBER to also redeem your prize if you have completed 3, 6, 10 weeks at the @home central table at the church.** Post selfie and creative comment on the **FBCW Young Families** facebook page followed by this hashtag: **#FPLEnvelopeWk13**



**Parent Encouragement:** 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 Deuteronomy 6: 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, ages of your children, and anything you’d like to add. Read through **“FPL EXTRAS”** on the back for preparations required for any optional activities you might 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 these other preparations ready.

## FPL EXTRAS

**Extra Music:** Review the Seeds Family Worship Songs from weeks 1 - 10 and see how many you can sing from memory. Memorize the middle verse of the Great Commission using the Seeds Song “Go!” (Matthew 28:19).

**Extra On-Mission:** Consider the Family Serve mission trip on September 25, 26 this year.

**For every family who completes all 13 FPL envelopes before midnight, August 30th, will receive a \$118 mega-prize that can be used toward the Family Serve Mission Experience. Deadline to turn forms in and pay is August 30!!!**

Model for your family a Jesus-centered decision-making process for considering a mission trip opportunity.

- 1) Discuss the opportunity with your family,
- 2) identify obstacles to attending the trip and potential sacrifices that will need to be made,
- 3) pray together affirming your commitment to King Jesus and His Kingdom, and
- 4) pray about God’s will concerning this particular opportunity.

Even your prayers in this way will set the first-place-love tone of your family, even if this trip is not in the cards. It will also get you accustomed to listening to and affirming how God speaks to different family members. Also use this opportunity to be praying for those families who will attend.

# A 36 - HOUR FAMILY MISSION EXPERIENCE



SEPTEMBER 25/26 (noon Fri - Saturday midnight)

## Together on Mission

The purpose of Family Serve is to encourage families to put His Kingdom first together in a variety of local ministries. Options:

- Backyard Bible Clubs/VBS
- Light Construction/Repairs
- Servant Ministry
- Social Ministry (Food Pantry and Clothes Closets)
- Block Party
- Evangelism Ministries
- Health and Wellness Ministries (for unwed mothers, for example)

**Cost:** The registration cost (\$40/person; \$160 max/family) includes program fee, background check fee, three meals, church lodging, t-shirt and funds for local ministries involved in Family Serve. Please note, lodging at a hotel instead of the church is an option at an additional cost.

**\$100+ FIRST PLACE LOVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMPLETING 13 SUMMER ACTIVITY ENVELOPES**



Jeff Slaughter will lead worship for Family Serve. He is a songwriter/worship leader who has written songs for LifeWay VBS for 16 years. Adults and kids will be inspired through worshipping with him!