

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

THE BIG IDEA: King Jesus is Lord of Time

Someone Read: Last week, you moved the King Jesus chair into your family room/ den. This drew your family’s attention to the Lordship of King Jesus in that room—Jesus is to have first place in what you say and do when you’re spending time together as a family. You also added some sections to your heart before placing them on your King Jesus chair.* Jesus loves you so much that He wants to rescue You in every part of your heart and your life. He rescues us from living for ourselves to live for Him. This is how we were made to live, and how we are most satisfied—when He is first place in everything. *(The 6 heart sections you should have filled in are: 1) 2) and 3): the three things you love the most 4) your kitchen & table 5) your family room/ den 6) your family roles).

Turn in your Bibles to 2 Corinthians 5:15. Have someone read it aloud. Ask and Discuss: Is the best plan for life to let Jesus save us and then live for ourselves? Why or why not? Why is living for Jesus God’s best for us?

Play “Speedy Builder”: Take 10 identical disposable cups. Divide your family into two or more teams. Every team will get three tries to build a pyramid with their cups the fastest. Time each team to see which is the “Speedy Builder.” After identifying the fastest team, give them a few more tries to shave 5 seconds off their best time.

Parent Read: Do you ever feel like time is your enemy? If you do, you are not alone. Most families in America are choosing to do so many things that there’s not enough time left over to do the things most important to Jesus. What matters most to God is Jesus being first place in people’s lives. Jesus made YOU to help others (*Christians and non-Christians*) get to know Jesus in a life-changing way. This is why family is so important. It’s also why the church, and sharing Christ with the world, are such big deals to God. (*Now, draw or write “time” in an empty section of your heart. Then, place your King Jesus chair so that it faces the largest clock in your home.*)

Someone Else Read: When Jesus is first place, those that love Him are delighted to have Him reign over how their time is spent. When He is actually in control, Christians have enough time to do what is in God’s will, but only if He is first place and reigning. It’s not enough to just know how we should spend our time, we have to allow the Spirit of Christ inside manage our time. Only when He is in control will we be faithful to the things that matter most to Him. Everyone gets 24 hours a day to let Jesus live His life through them (Galatians 2:20).

Scripture: The Bible tells Christians to 1) make the most of time, 2) to prioritize the eternal over temporary things, 3) to strengthen believers in their walk with Christ, and 4) to share Him with those who don’t know Him (read Ephesians 5:15-17 and 2 Timothy 2:1-4).

Scripture in Song: Thinking rightly about your life will help you not to waste it. Colossians 3:2-3 reminds us that our life is hidden with God in Christ. It’s easy to think that Jesus is just a part of our lives. The Bible tells us to think rightly: Jesus *is* our life. After listening to the Seeds Family Worship song “Your Life is Hidden”** a few times, talk with your family about how you spend your time. **Ask:** “If Jesus was in full control of our time, how would we spend more time encouraging and teaching other believers? What would that look like? How would we spend more time sharing Jesus with the lost? How would we make Jesus central to the activities He would permit to stay in our schedule?” **listen for free at <http://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/release/the-word-of-god/>

Pray: “Jesus, we repent and turn away from being in charge of our time and want You to be from now on. Show us the activities You would allow to stay in our schedule, and those things that need to be limited to make time for helping Christians and non-Christians know You better. Through Your Spirit within, give our family the wisdom and strength we need to place time under Your perfect reign. Our lives are for Your glory. Amen.”



Congratulations! You have completed your Week 10 First Place Love Envelope Activity! Take the sticker provided in the envelope and place it on the treasure map side of the placemat over the Week 10 position. In conclusion of the challenge: Take a creative selfie of your family holding up your envelope activity and placemat marked with a sticker. **REMEMBER to redeem your prize if you have completed 3, 6 or 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: **#FPLEnvelopeWk10**



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: Play the seeds Family Worship Song “Whatever You Do” (from 1 Corinthians 10:31). Talk about how that applies to the things that Jesus would permit to stay in your schedule. Discuss how the song “Your Life is Hidden” from Colossians 3:2-3 addresses the issue of time. How do these 2 passages address time similarly? How do they address time differently? Discuss how your family can submit their time fully to the Lordship of Christ.

Extra On-Mission: Have 2 sheets of paper. On one sheet brainstorm possibilities for spending your time to help believers grow up in their walk with Jesus. On the other, brainstorm possibilities for spending time helping unbelievers know Jesus. Make specific action steps when you sense God is clearly leading members of your family. How can the 4xfour challenge help you to **identify, intercede, invest and invite** unbelievers into a first place love relationship with Christ? How can you develop relationships with other believers that can help you to deepen your own walk with Jesus? How can you be the one who helps other believers treasure Jesus more?

Extra On-Mission: Consider the Family Serve mission trip on September 25, 26 this year. How could going on such a trip with your family (grandparents too) increase your love for Jesus and your dedication to His Kingdom? List the obstacles that would keep you from attending without difficulty. Pray together for the Lord’s will in your attendance, and for power in overcoming difficult obstacles.