

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

THE BIG IDEA: King Jesus Empowers Family Roles and Family Rooms

Review Your Family Summer Goals: Look through the summer goals on the back of your placemat as a family. See how well you’ve done so far in meeting your goals for attending Sunday School, church and having God talks at home. Ask the Lord to help you to treasure Jesus at home and with your church family for the remainder the summer—only August to go!

Jesus the King: (*Someone Read*) Last week, you talked about honoring Jesus as King at your “kitchen table”. A lot happens at a kitchen table. Individuals and families with kitchen tables that honor King Jesus speak warmly to each other, are grateful together, discuss the Lord together, pray together, and make plans for being on mission. The King Jesus chair and table setting remind you that He is Lord of your kitchen table because you belong to Him. Keep the fancy table setting there for you to remember the Lordship of Jesus whenever you are at the table this summer. Today, in the “**Move it**” section, you are going to move the King Jesus chair to another part of the house.

Parent Read: Romans 13:8b “...love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.” **Say:** The Spirit of Jesus Himself—the Holy Spirit—lives inside of every Christian (Romans 8:9). When the Holy Spirit is in control, we love Jesus as our first love, and we have the power to obey and a heart that enjoys obeying King Jesus. When He is loved, worshipped, and in control, He helps us to obey God’s laws by loving everyone in this family, in our church family, and everyone else we come in contact with. When the Spirit of Jesus controls us, we will love each other as described in Galatians 5:22-23 (turn there in your own Bible; someone read it). **Answer these questions:** “Can you truly love each other in your own strength, without God’s help?” “Will God ever cause us to love someone without these characteristics?” “What does it tell you when you are trying to love someone, but are doing so without kindness, or patience, for example?”

Family Roles: Every person has one or more family roles. For example, a girl in the family might be a sister and a daughter. A dad might be a husband, a dad, and a son. Briefly list the family role(s) that each person has. **Say:** Everyone in a family is called to fulfill their role under the Lordship of Christ. This means that Jesus is the King of how you are a brother, sister, daughter, son, mom or dad to everyone else in your family. The Spirit of Christ inside of You will help you to unconditionally love every family member. In one of the sections of your paper heart, list all the roles you have in your family.

Move it: Move the chair to your family’s den/ family room. Make sure the chair is placed where everyone can see it, just as if Jesus were sitting in the room having a conversation with your family. Also, make sure He can see the TV, if you have one. :) List the top 5 things that happen in this room and discuss how Jesus can be Lord of each thing (using principles or verses from Scripture whenever possible). Do any of those things need to stop or change in light of the Lordship of Christ? What are a few things that He would want to happen in this room that are currently not happening? Is the den or family room a good place to “*talk about them* (God’ commands to love Him wholeheartedly) *when you sit in your house*” (Deuteronomy 6:7a)? Why might you prefer the den to the kitchen table for God-talks sitting in your home? Now, add “den” or “family room” to each of your paper hearts using words or drawing a symbol that reminds you of your family room.

Loving Jesus: All together, you should now have six heart-compartments filled — the kitchen table, the den, your family roles, and the 3 things you love and treasure the most from wk1. All of these things represent parts of you. Jesus wants all of you to love and worship Him with all of your heart. This means that you have to give every small part of you to Him. Place your hearts on the King Jesus chair and pray together.

Someone Pray: Let’s huddle up around the King Jesus chair and pray together: “*Lord Jesus, may what happens in this room —what we say, read, watch, and how we worship you and love and serve each other—bring glory to You as we give control to Your Spirit for the desire, power, and joy in obeying You as our Lord and King. Thank You for loving us so much, that You want us to enjoy the best relationship with You in every part of our lives. Give us hearts that love and enjoy You deeply. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*”



Congratulations! You have completed your the Week 9 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 9 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 6 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: **#FPLEnvelopeWk9**



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: From last week, play the seeds Family Worship Song (available) “Whatever You Do” (from 1 Corinthians 10:31). Play the Song and try to memorize it. Discuss its meaning and apply it to life as your family knows it.

Extra Teaching Options: 1) Read week 9 of the First Place Love curriculum. Share with your family anything the Lord prompts You to discuss with them. 2) Read Ephesians 5:18-33 — discuss family roles with your family in light of this passage 3) Read Colossians 3:12-21 and discuss family roles with your family in light of this passage.

Extra On-Mission: Discuss as a family someone that you can invite into your home to share a meal with you. Discuss how you can do this for God’s glory. How can your family be used to encourage another believer or reach out to someone who is far from God? Make a plan, and mark it on the calendar.

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.