

**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.

## THE BIG IDEA: Jesus has authority over every area of our lives

**Parent Say:** Last week we learned that Jesus is on the throne in heaven, saving people from their sin, and giving them His Spirit, so they can put Him first and love Him the most. Even after we become Christians, we can choose to sin and do things our own way in different areas of our lives. But, Jesus wants to rule over every area of our lives, not just some of them. We experienced God’s richest blessings and closeness in our relationship with Him when we obey Him. Obedience flows from whole-hearted love for Him and worship of Him as the exalted King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**“Throne” Activity:** (remember: don’t read what is in parentheses out loud): Many parents have a favorite chair to sit in. Today, we are going to assign an unused chair to be the “King Jesus chair” in your home. Decorate the chair so that it looks like a place of honor worthy of a King. Whenever you see it, it should remind you that Jesus is on His throne (the chair will be moved from room to room for the rest of the summer, so make sure you select a chair that is movable.)

**“Move It Activity”:** **Someone say:** Different rooms represent different things. Our bedroom represents our personal and private space. The kitchen and table represents how we nourish our bodies. The living room/ den represents what we enjoy and how we enjoy one another as a family. The doorways represent the world outside our home. Today, we are going to place the King Jesus chair at the kitchen table. Set your kitchen table with your finest dishes in preparation for the King. Once a place of honor is set for Him, pull His chair up to the table. When you pray over your meal, lead your family to imagine Jesus sitting with you. God is everywhere, and He really is with you—even though only your eyes of faith can see it. He is Lord over what happens at the kitchen table.

**Someone Else Say:** The kitchen table is a place where a couple of important things happen. First, it’s a place where a parent can gather the family to sit together. Sitting together in your home is actually an important instruction from the Bible. Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7 and identify all the places and times when families are to treasure the Lord together. One of those times is when families sit together. A parent should regularly lead the family toward loving and living for Jesus when seated together for meals. The King Jesus chair at the kitchen table represents that your family will follow His plan for meal times. Second, it represents that He is in charge of how you nourish your bodies. **Say:** We can honor the Lordship of King Jesus at this table by regularly learning about and praising God together. How else can we honor the Lord at this table? (possible answers: how you speak to each other, complaining, thankfulness, hospitality, sharing, taking care of our bodies, etc.)

**Someone Read 1 Corinthians 10:31** (using the translation of the youngest child’s bible). **Mark and Move Your Heart:** Next, gather your hearts from previous weeks. The heart was divided into sections. One section will represent the kitchen & table. Make a section represent your kitchen. Place the heart on the King Jesus chair and pray together.

**Parent Lead family to pray: Say:** *“Dear, Jesus, we know that You sit on the throne of heaven reigning over Your kingdom. We surrender to Your Kingly reign every time we sit here together. Your will be done in all that we eat, drink, say and do.”*



**Congratulations!** You have completed your the Week 8 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 8 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: **#FPLEnvelopeWk8**



## FPL EXTRAS

**Extra Music:** 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 life as your family knows it.

**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.