

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’ is alive today for us to love and obey

Parent Say: Last week we learned that the cross shows us how much God loves us. Today we are going to talk about something that happened on the third day after Jesus died on the cross.

Play “Mummy Hop”: **How to play:** Gather a large roll of toilet paper or paper towels. If you have more than one child, wrap each child like a mummy. Think of creative ways to wrap up all of the children. (Before any hopping takes place, take a selfie with your mummies and your Quest for the Crown placemat. You may decide to use this as your selfie for the week.). Instruct your kids to hop along a pathway, one child at a time, that you mark out in the house ahead of time. Say, “on your mark, get set, “[name], come forth!”. Tell them you will time each one (for older children, take off 5 seconds for each break in the paper.). Now have the kids choose a parent to wrap up, have them say “[parent], come forth!” and time the parent. Compare times to see who the fastest mummy in the family is.

Someone Else Say: There are two famous people in the Bible who died, were buried, and came out of a tomb. (See if anyone can name them. Answer: Lazarus and Jesus). In John chapter 11, a man named Lazarus suddenly died and was laid into a cave-tomb. On the fourth day, Jesus asked Lazarus’ sister Martha if she believed that Lazarus would live again. She said that she believed she would see Lazarus in heaven one day. Jesus told her that he was the Resurrection and the Life, and that anyone who believed in Him would be alive, even after he died.

Have Everyone Find John 11:38-45. Take turn reading the story of Lazarus coming back to life. (Act it out if you like.)

Parent Say: Lazarus came back to life because Jesus had power over all creation, even power over death. They both were laid in a cave tomb with a stone that sealed the opening. They both were wrapped in grave clothes. And they both were raised by Jesus’ power. One day, though, Lazarus’ restored body died again—maybe from old age. Jesus’ story is different than Lazarus in one important way. Jesus’ body was not just brought back to life, but was the kind of body that would live in heaven forever.

Someone else say: This means that unlike Lazarus, Jesus didn’t die from old age. He still is alive in heaven with His new body. And the Bible says that He lives to be the Lord of your life that you can love, trust and obey every day. **Someone Read these selected phrases from Romans 8:34-39:** *“Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? ... For I am convinced that [nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Parent Lead family to pray: Say: We are going to thank Jesus for being alive and loving us. Would anyone like to thank Jesus for that? Give family members a chance to pray. **Parent Close with a simple prayer:** *“Jesus, thank you that you still live today, loving me and wanting me to live with you as first place and as my first love. Amen.”*



Congratulations! You have completed your the Week 6 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 6 position. In conclusion of the challenge: Take a creative 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 creative comment on the **FBCW Young Families** facebook page followed by this hashtag: **#FPLEnvelopeWk6**



FPL EXTRAS

Extra Teaching Activity: Read John 19:38-42 as you make Resurrection Rolls. Take 1 can of ready-made refrigerated crescent dinner rolls, separating them into individual triangles. In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar. Dip a marshmallow into melted butter then roll in the sugar mixture. Place marshmallow in the center of a dough triangle, wrapping the dough carefully around the marshmallow. Pinch the seams together to seal in the marshmallow. Place on a baking sheet and cook for 15 minutes at 400 degrees. Use the Scripture passage to point out similarities between the cooking activity and the John 19 scripture passage.

Have a discussion about Nicodemus, who is mentioned in this passage. Ask questions about who he was. Read all of John chapter 3 for the back-story of Nicodemus and why he might have been involved in Jesus' burial. Ask whether or not you think Nicodemus went to heaven. Why or why not? Share the gospel with your children, reminding them that eternal life is turning to Christ in repentance and trusting in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Extra Gospel Invitation: In week 4, we had an Extra Activity to use a small Christmas tree to put our paper hearts under to symbolize giving Jesus our highest love and worship. Whenever I think of Christmas, I think of gifts. Gifts can be given, but they don't really have the full effect until they are received and opened. Some people understand that Jesus is God's gift to sinners, but the gift is never received. It is understood but not received. They haven't chosen to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord. Jesus saved us to bring us back to God—not to just forgive us of our sins, but to restore us to a relationship with God where He is worshipped, and Jesus is our first love and first place. Jesus saved us to that *"they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf"* (2 Corinthians 5:15). John 1:12 says *"But as many as received Him [Jesus], to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."* Ask a family member that has not been saved if they understand they are separated from God by their sin, and that God sent Jesus to pay for their sins and to make Himself their Savior and Lord. Ask if they would like to receive Jesus. If so, invite them to pray and ask Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. (If they pray silently, ask them to describe what they prayed silently.) Assure them that the Bible says in Romans 10:13 that *"Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Celebrate together and encourage them to speak with the pastor for greater understanding, public profession and baptism followup.

IMPORTANT!! Parent, you need to know that your children want to make you happy. It's very possible for a child to "pray the prayer" for this reason. Or because they want to see Great Grandpa in heaven one day. It may not be because God was at work in their heart. Here are some questions to keep your eagerness in check: *is there evidence that the Holy Spirit is convicting them of sin? is there persistent desire to accept Christ as Savior and Lord? can the child verbalize the need for salvation? can the child verbalize the plan of salvation and their desire for it?*

Extra Music: Introduce your family to the **Eternal Life (John 3:16)** song from Seeds Family Worship. This song is available on YouTube. Discuss the truths of John 3:16 as the Spirit leads.

Extra Family on Mission: Ask your family if there are any people that they think needs to hear the good news about Jesus. lead your family to pray for them together. Write their names on a mirror or on a paper to go on the refrigerator as a reminder to pray for them often.