

“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 and ages of your children. Read through **“FPL EXTRAS”** on the back to see if there are preparations required for any optional activities you choose. Now, 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 any other preparations ready.



Someone Read: “Last week, we talked about Jesus, who created us for Himself. We talked about how we are His special creation, who can give glory to Him like no other kind of creation. Flowers and stars and animals can show how creative, beautiful and powerful God is, but only people can love Him. Today, we are going to talk about seeing God clearly.”

Play Shadow Puppet Challenge: Parent Say: “We’re going to play a game called ‘Shadow Puppet Challenge.’ We need to build a tent together for our family activity.” Read the following instructions out loud so everyone understands the game.

Instructions:

- 1) Gather supplies (large, light-colored bed sheet, flashlights) together as a family. Decide as a family how to place the sheet over your kitchen table or chairs so that family members can sit under the sheet and see shadows made by family members standing outside of the sheet canopy. (For fun, give children inside the canopy their own lights that they can play with when it is their turn—careful parents, this will require patience—it’s ok if this becomes a free-play time, but eventually get to the activity—don’t kill the warmth of the play time by being too rushed or task-oriented. Allow the kids to enjoy your presence and joy under the “tent” with them. Have fun!)
- 2) Divide the family into 2 teams. Send each team to secretly collect 4 items they will use to cast a shadow on the tent.
- 3) Teams should take turns being inside and outside the tent casting shadows. The outside team should cast a shadow of one item on the side of the “tent” using the flashlight. The inside team should try to identify the item.
- 4) One point will be given to the guessing team if they guess the item correctly. An extra point will be awarded if the team can guess the COLOR of the item by looking at the shadow (this will make sense later). For effect, pull back the sheet every time a team gives their final answers for identifying the item and its color, so they can see the items directly. Tally up the points to see which team wins. The winning team gets to give big hugs and high fives to the other team.

Someone Ask: “When we were playing Shadow Puppet Challenge, were you able to see the color of the object that was casting the shadow? Were you able to tell if it was multi-color or just one color, or anything else about the object other than its shape? Wait for answers. Creation is like that, too. Last week we talked about how everything in creation tells us something about God. We see how powerful and big God is by looking at the world that He made. We understand how righteous God is by understanding right and wrong. Creation tells us some things about God, but not everything.”

Parent Say: “When we look at the amazing things of creation, do they tell us how God feels about us? We see that God is powerful, creative and beautiful. But does that mean He loves us? God doesn’t want us to wonder if He loves us or not. Colossians 2:17 says that until Jesus came, what we could see about God is like a shadow, but after Jesus came, we could see God Himself. Jesus is God and shows us how much God loves us. People in the Bible who met Jesus understood God’s love and many loved God like crazy in return.

Find 1 John 4:19 in your own Bible. Read aloud from the youngest child’s Bible. Discuss. Why do people love Jesus?

Parent Pray: “God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us exactly Who you are and what You’re like. In Jesus, we see just how much You really love us! Help us to give You all of our love in return.” Invite other family members to pray similar prayers.



Congratulations! You have completed your the Week 3 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 3 position. Now, take a selfie of your family inside your tent with your placemat. Post the picture and comment on the [FBCW Young Families Facebook](#) page followed by this hashtag: #FPLEnvelopeWk3 **And remember, whenever your family completes its third envelope, come to the @home central area to redeem a family prize on Sunday morning. Prizes will also be awarded when you finish 6 and when you finish 10. Someone will ask to see a picture of your placemat.**



FPL EXTRAS

Extra Teaching: Share with your children anything from the Week 3 material you covered in your adult Sunday School Lesson about Jesus Foreshadowed in the Old Testament that you desire to share with them.

Extra Teaching Through Scripture Music: Seeds Family Worship has a song called “Teach Them” from Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (you can find this on YouTube). Play the song for your family, and remind your children that you are becoming a home that talks about the Lord when you “sit in your house” by using the placemat and envelope activities. Discuss God’s plan for Jesus to be treasured at all times, not just while in the church building. Look for other instructions in these verses about the other times families are commanded to talk about loving the Lord while not at church. Reread Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and discuss why you think the Lord wants Christian homes talking about Him. Why isn’t talking about Him at church enough? How is Deuteronomy 6:4-7 similar to the “first place love” FBC emphasis this summer?

Extra Family Field Trip Project: Next week, we will be cutting out crowns and hearts from paper plates and coloring them. If you haven’t already, go to a Dollar Store or craft store together as a family and complete the Wk1 Extra, listed below.

From Wk1 Extra: Look for things that relate to the words “treasure” and “love” that you can glue onto a crown or heart you will make in future lessons. This will make your crown and heart drawing extra special. You also may want to look for materials you will use for the heart and crown if you prefer not to use disposable plates.

While shopping, take a selfie or get someone to take a picture of your whole family with your cart of items. A parent or teen will post this to Facebook with the following hashtag #FPLEnvelopeWk1EXTRA.

After you complete your family shopping assignment, huddle near or inside your car and pray that God will increase your love for Jesus and the way each person in our family treasures and loves Him. Sweeten the experience by picking up a tub of ice cream or some ice cream cones-to-go you can share together later that evening.

Keep the shopping items handy at your home for later use.