

# first place love @home: ENVELOPE ACTIVITY CARD

**The Point:** 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 the Bible: 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 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. 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.



**Parent Say:** “While we have dessert, I think it would be fun to do the envelope activity together that we got at church Sunday. The first thing we are going to do is to play a game called “Do You Really Know Me?”

### Play “Do You Really Know Me?”

**How to play:** Pick one person to be “it” (the first person to go should be a “good sport”). The “it” person can’t speak, until others at the table finish listing the 3 things they think the “it” person loves the most. Don’t over-spiritualize—it can be things like pizza, people like A-Rod, favorite movies, or hobbies like fishing. Once the family is done, the “it” person will correct or reorder what the family guessed. Write down the corrected list. Repeat for each member of the family.

**Someone Else Say:** The Bible talks about love a lot. God loves us like crazy, and He wants us to love Him, too. God wants us to love our family, our friends, and even our enemies. Love is a really big deal to God. Sometimes, the Bible uses different words that mean the same things as love. One word the Bible uses is the word “treasure.”

**Take Turns Reading “Do You Really Know Me?”:** Have everyone read their lists this way: “[name] loves pizza, [name] loves A-Rod, and [name] loves fishing”. Take turns saying lists aloud. Now say the lists after changing the word “loves” to “treasures.”

**Parent Say:** “Do you think the word “treasure” works as well as the word “love”? When you use the word treasure instead of love, does it make your favorite things sound more or less important? Does using the word treasure make love seem bigger or smaller?” Discuss. Ask, “How do we treasure something? How do we treasure a person? How could we treasure God?”

**Have Everyone Find Matthew 6:19-21 in Their Bibles.** Take this opportunity to be sure everyone knows how to find the book of Matthew, the first book of the New Testament, by looking in the *Table of Contents* at the beginning of the Bible. Then practice a few times getting there quickly (make a game of it if you want). Now, take turns reading Matthew 6:19, 20, then 21. (If possible, read from the youngest child’s Bible. Everyone should follow along in their own Bible while another reads aloud.)

**Your Family Summer Goals:** One way to treasure Jesus is to pour time and effort into your relationship with Him. Your church family is spending the summer (June, July & August) looking at Jesus with unusual focus in youth and adult classes and the worship service. The church has also given you activities and tools to treasure Jesus at home (even when on vacation). Work through the goals on the back of your placemat as a family. Decide how you will treasure Jesus at home and with your church family this summer. Write down your specific goals on the placemat with a Sharpie permanent marker.

**Parent Pray:** “God, we want to learn to treasure our Lord and Savior Jesus more than we ever have before. Give us the desire and the power to reach or exceed our family goals this summer. He is worth it! We love You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



**Congratulations!** You have completed your the Week 1 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 1 position. In conclusion of the challenge: Take a selfie of your family holding up your placemat marked with a sticker. We will use this picture to redeem your family prizes and to encourage one another. Post the picture and comment on the [FBCW Young Families Facebook](#) page followed by this hashtag: #FPLEnvelopeWk1



## FPL EXTRAS

**Extra Music:** Seeds Family Worship is a family ministry worship band with great resources for families committed to practice the patterns of Deuteronomy 6:5-9. You can find them on YouTube. Search for their song called “Treasure” based on Matthew 6:20-21. Play it and try to sing along as you dance or play tupperware “instruments” with your children. Play and sing it in your car until those verses are memorized. Seeds Family Worship items are some of the family prizes that will be given out through the summer.

**Extra Family Field Trip Project:** For the next 13 weeks, we are going to use the Quest for the Crown placemat to talk about what we treasure and what we love. We are going to be giving special attention to Jesus, just like God the Father does. Notice that the first place logo has a crown with a heart on it. This symbolizes the majesty of Jesus, and how we get to treasure and love Him. In future lessons, we are going to be asking family members to draw and color a crown and heart. For your extra project, go to a Dollar Store or craft store together as a family. 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.