

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 sits on heaven’s throne to rule as King

Parent Say: Last week we learned that Jesus is alive in heaven, so that we could know Him and love Him, and so that we could live for Him by trusting and obeying Him. Today, we are going to talk about Jesus in His Kingly reign.



Play “The Luck of the ‘Drawer’”

How to play: Match the list of action words to pieces of furniture. For this game you will need one rolling die (or a phone app that works like one). Everyone will match an action to a piece of furniture by rolling one die, two times. The first roll will select the piece of furniture. The second roll will select the action they are to perform. Have everyone perform their action on their piece of furniture. (Option: Take pictures of the child doing the action word on the furniture piece they draw.) (Don’t forget to make this fun and not rush through it)

Roll 1: 1 - kitchen floor 2 - bathtub 3 - comfy chair 4 - parent’s bed 5 - outdoor driveway 6 - under a table

Roll 2: 1 - bottom scoot 2 - jump 3 - roll around 4 - act the dying cockroach 5 - spin around 6 - skip

Someone Else Say (*remember: don’t read what is in parentheses out loud*): The Bible talks about a piece of furniture in heaven that Jesus is doing something on. Read Luke 1:31-33 together (using the translation of the youngest child’s bible) and answer the following questions: What piece of furniture is mentioned? Who will sit on it? For how long? What action will He do it? (see Extra Teaching Activity for the connection between David’s Throne and Jesus’ enthronement after the resurrection).

Parent Say: Luke 1:31-33 says that Jesus will sit on heaven’s throne forever, reigning. “Reigning” is when a king in authority rules over His Kingdom. The reign of a king is often symbolized by him sitting on a throne. What Jesus is doing on His throne is this: Jesus is saving people from their sin, and giving them His Spirit, so they can put Him first and love Him the most. One day, He will even fix all of creation, re-making it so that it will be perfect, just like when God first created it.

Make a Plan: Next week, we are going to ask you to set aside a chair to be the “King Jesus chair” in your home. Discuss how you might decorate the chair next week so that it looks like a place of honor worthy of a King. (The chair might be moved from room to room for the rest of the summer, so make sure you select a chair that is movable.)

Parent Lead family to pray: Say: Let’s talk to God right now. Would anyone like to pray before or after I pray? (If anyone would like to, decide together who will go first, etc.) Then pray out loud: *“Dear, Jesus, we know that You sit on the throne of heaven reigning over Your kingdom. You have given me Your Spirit so that I might love You all my heart and live for You in trust and obedience. Help me to depend on Your Spirit within to have a heart that loves and enjoys You and a life that honors You as King. Thank You for giving Your life for me, so that I know that nothing can ever separate me from Your love—even my future sin has been paid for by Your sacrifice. Jesus, You are my first love. Teach me how to live with You as first place. I pray this for the glory of Jesus in me, in my family, in my church, and around the world. Amen.”*



Congratulations! You have completed your the Week 7 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 7 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: **#FPLEnvelopeWk7**



FPL EXTRAS

Extra Teaching Activity: Read Acts 2:22-36. Peter was preaching the very first sermon, right after the Holy Spirit came in power. Notice the emphasis put on Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Of these three, which was most emphasized? Why does Peter do that? How does the idea of "first place" (Colossians 1:13-20) and "first love" (Revelation 2:4) harmonize with Peter's sermon?

Extra Music: Go through Weeks 1-6 and re-play all of the Seeds Family Worship songs you have played so far. See who can say the verses after they are sung. Think of creative ways to treat your family members who can say or sing these verses from memory. Talk about why you like the truth that is communicated in these verses.

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?*