

Parent Encouragement & Preparation on the back along with “FPL Extras”—optional activities to supplement the front

THE BIG IDEA: King Jesus places you in an eternally-important church family

Someone Read Last Week’s Review: Ever since the Week 10 envelope activity, the King Jesus chair has been facing the largest clock in your home. In the chair are your family’s hearts with “time” added to the 7th heart compartment. You read the Bible as a family and discussed the fact that God’s plan is for Jesus to reign as King over how you spend your time. When families consider the Lordship of Jesus over time, all activities need to be adjusted to make time for what matters most to Him.

Someone Else Read: Jesus’ wonderful plan for you is not just a personal plan. In His love and wisdom He adopted you into a large family full of many other brothers and sisters in Christ of all ages. It’s not just about you and Him. God’s perfect plan is for you to encourage and help each other to put Jesus first in everything. Each of you is differently made and differently gifted so that, together, you can love and follow Jesus much better than any of you could alone.

8th Heart Compartment: Draw or write “church” in an 8th compartment of your heart. As you are filling in this compartment, **have everyone turn to 1 Corinthians 12:14-26.** Take turns reading the verses aloud. The Bible says that we are all individual members of a body. List all the body parts listed in these verses (there are seven listed or implied) and discuss the function of each. For each body part mentioned in the verses, which family member has the personality, skills and spiritual gifts that best match the function of that body part? Brainstorm ways that the church needs each body part to love and live for Jesus. Brainstorm ways that the church needs these body parts to fulfill its mission to share Jesus with those who do not know Him.

Cooking as a “Body”: Now that you have identified which 1 Corinthians body part you most resemble, it’s time for your family to cooperate together as a body to complete a task. Choose a snack to make together as a family (s’mores, cookies, brownies, root-beer floats, etc.). Blindfold every family member who was not an eye. Try to complete the snack-making task using only actions that correspond to the function of your body part. For example: have the mouth read cooking instructions or give directions, have the eye direct blind-folded persons without speaking, have the hand collect items from the pantry and stir ingredients, have the foot walk items from the pantry to the counter, etc. (Note: because the hand will do a lot of the work, you may want give others a turn being the hands.) After completing the snack, enjoy it while discussing what you learned from the activity and verses.

The King Jesus Chair: place your completed hearts in the King Jesus chair. Move it into your driveway or facing your driveway from a window. Discuss the Lordship of Jesus over your participation in the church. Discuss what it would look like if Jesus were in complete control of that decision. Discuss the difference between passive church attendance and interacting with the other members of the body in a way where mutual first-place-love encouragement is possible. List the top 5 things that keep you from participating in church in this way. Remind each other that church participation doesn’t change God’s love for you. Also remind each other that when Jesus reigns over your church life, He has authority and veto-power over anything keeping you from His best.

Someone Pray: Let’s huddle up around the King Jesus chair and pray together: *“Lord Jesus, thank You for adopting us into a church family where we matter, and where we can make in difference in each others’ lives. Help us to connect to each other according to Your plan, so we can be encouraged and encourage others in loving You and living for You. Give us Your wisdom, courage, and power to obey totally and fearlessly for Your glory. Amen.”*



Congratulations! You have completed your Week 11 First Place Love Envelope Activity! Have a child take the sticker provided in the envelope and place it on the Quest for the Crown placemat over Week 11. In conclusion of the challenge: take a creative selfie of your family holding up your envelope activity and placemat marked with the sticker. **REMEMBER to redeem your prize if you have completed 3, 6, 10 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: **#FPLEnvelopeWk11**



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 sit-down 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”** for preparations required for any optional activities you might choose. Gather your family to “sit” around the table or in the den in keeping with Deuteronomy 6:7. Be sure to have the FPL placemat, FPL Envelope, everyone’s own Bible, and these other preparations ready.

FPL EXTRAS

Extra Teaching Options: Share anything from your *First Place Love* Sunday School lesson over the past few weeks you would like to discuss as a family. This week’s lesson on the Body of Christ corresponds to the Week 11 envelope activity.

Extra Music: Review the Seeds Family Worship Songs from weeks 1 - 10 and see how many you can sing from memory.

Extra On-Mission: Consider the Family Serve mission trip on September 25, 26 this year.

Model for your family a Jesus-centered decision-making process for considering a mission trip opportunity.

- 1) Discuss the opportunity with your family,
- 2) identify obstacles to attending the trip and potential sacrifices that will need to be made,
- 3) pray together affirming your commitment to King Jesus and His Kingdom, and
- 4) pray about God’s will concerning this particular opportunity.

Even your prayers in this way will set the first-place-love tone of your family, even if this trip is not in the cards. It will also get you accustomed to listening to and affirming how God speaks to different family members. Also use this opportunity to be praying for those families who will attend.

A 36 - HOUR FAMILY MISSION EXPERIENCE



SEPTEMBER 25/26 (noon Fri - Saturday midnight)

Together on Mission

The purpose of Family Serve is to encourage families to put His Kingdom first together in a variety of local ministries. Options:

- Backyard Bible Clubs/VBS
- Light Construction/Repairs
- Servant Ministry
- Social Ministry (Food Pantry and Clothes Closets)
- Block Party
- Evangelism Ministries
- Health and Wellness Ministries (for unwed mothers, for example)

Cost: The registration cost (\$40/person; \$160 max/family) includes program fee, background check fee, three meals, church lodging, t-shirt and funds for local ministries involved in Family Serve. Please note, lodging at a hotel instead of the church is an option at an additional cost.

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Jeff Slaughter will lead worship for Family Serve. He is a songwriter/worship leader who has written songs for LifeWay VBS for 16 years. Adults and kids will be inspired through worshipping with him!