

## God Loves My Family

Teacher Pep Talk: Families are central to the life of a child. They represent his/her world, especially when the child is very young. Children often do not understand that all families are not the same as theirs. This lesson is offered to help talk about how God created families so that we could love each other, and take care of each other. In families parents and children have different roles. Everyone in a family is important. This lesson helps children think about who is in their family and what our responsibilities are to each other. Let the children know that God loves all the members of their family and that it is good for us to love our family members too.

Before teaching this lesson, please familiarize yourself with the following verses and the verses surrounding them. Genesis 2:24, Psalm 127:3, Ephesians 6:1-4. The Bible story is from Genesis 18:10-15 and 21:1-2 and is about Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Major Points: God knows and loves our family members.  
Children are a gift from God.  
Children are to obey their parents.  
Parents are to love their children and take care of them

Memory Verse: Psalm 127:3 Children are a gift from God...

Lesson: **Bible Story: Abraham, Sarah and Isaac**  
Many years ago there lived a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah. Abraham and Sarah had been married a long, long time, but they had never had any children. One day God promised Abraham and Sarah a son, even though they were very old. *(Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90!!)* Although it seemed impossible, Abraham believed what God had promised! Not long afterwards, baby Isaac was born! God had blessed all of them!

### **God knows and loves our family members.**

- The story of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac is about a family.
- Who is in your family? *(Wait until everyone answers.)*
- Does God know who we are? *(Yes!)*
- Does God know who our family members are? *(Yes!)*
- Does God care about us? *(Yes!)*
- And God cares about all the members of our family!
- God loves us and all our family!

**Children are a gift from God.**

- The Bible tells us that God made families and that God gives us children, just like God gave Abraham and Sarah a son. (*Isaac*)
- The Bible says that “Children are a gift from God!” Did you ever think of yourself as a gift? (*That’s kind of funny isn’t it?*)
- But the Bible says that children are a gift from God.

**Children are to obey their parents.**

- Tell me more about families. What do the people in your family do? (*Listen for answers. They will, of course, vary greatly.*)
- Everyone in a family has different jobs to do.
- Did you know that as a child you have a job to do?
- The Bible says that children are to obey their parents.
- What does that word, obey, mean? (*Obey means to do what you are asked by your parents.*) [**Give some examples.**]

**Parents are to love and care for their children.**

- Parents have a job to do too!
- Parents are to love their children and take care of them.
- This is another reason God made families!

Let’s pray and thank God for making families!

Prayer:

Dear God,  
Thank you for making families!  
Thank you for our families!  
Help us to love everyone in our family!  
Amen.

Suggested Activities:

NOTE: This is a rather lengthy lesson, so if you do all of it as written you will have less time than usual today for activities.

**Children are a Gift from God**

Write “Children are a gift from God... Psalm 127:3” on a sheet of paper. Make copies and give one to each child. Allow the child to draw the various members of their family on the paper. Help the child write names for the people on the paper.

**Paper Links**

Before class, cut out strips of construction paper 1” wide and 8” long. Allow the children to write the names of their family members on the strips. Make paper chains with the strips of paper by gluing the ends of one together and putting the second strip through the first one before gluing. Glue Sticks work best! (Or you can staple them as well.)

Alternative: Give one link that says “The links of my family are important to God!” to each child and allow the children to add enough other links to represent their family.

**Children are a Gift from God!!**

**Psalm 127:3**

