

August 8-9, 2020

Bible Story: Hospitality: How to Live in the Family of God (*Romans 12:1-16*)

Big Idea: We are not meant to be alone.

Bible Verse: Romans 12:13

Watch the teaching video on Grace Kids' YouTube page or read the story in a Bible. Then choose a few activities below based on your child's age/ability level.

- Start with a discussion about hope. This month is Hope Month, because God wants us to bring hope to our broken world. Have your child share one thing they hope will happen this year. (*Anything goes: raining ice cream, animals start talking, etc.— have fun!*)
- Choose & print the word search or crossword puzzle. Review the Scripture by having your child fill in the puzzle with important words and ideas from the Bible passage. Discuss what they tell us about how to live in the family of God.
- Discuss community and connection. God said in Genesis 2, "It is not good for man to be alone." He created us to be in families and communities. What groups or communities do you belong to? Do you ever feel like you don't belong? Is it easy or hard for you to invite others into your life?
- Find a way to create community this week. The more we practice inviting others into our lives, the more easy and natural it becomes. Print the hospitality brainstorming sheet. Help your child fill in the bubbles with places they go and things they do that they could invite someone to join next time. Hang it up as a reminder to create community. Make a plan to invite someone to one of the activities/places on your sheet this week.
- Try to memorize the Big Idea. Say the Big Idea together a few times & make up motions. Write words of the Big Idea verse on pieces of paper and tape them up on the wall. Have your child jump and hit each word of the Big Idea in order, calling it out as they go.
- Go deeper. Look up the description of the early Church in Acts 2:42-47. Discuss:
 - What do you notice about this group of believers? How did they show hospitality?
 - What happened in the community because of the love hospitality they showed?
 - Do you see this kind of hospitality happening anywhere in your life?
 - How could we do a better job of this as a family or as a church?
- Don't forget the family Hope Month challenge! Send a card to a nursing home resident.