

THE Family OF GOD



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Answers to kids' questions.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



WHEN JESUS LIVED ON EARTH,

He called a group of 12 very normal men out of their ordinary lives to be His disciples. He taught them about God and His Word. He showed them what it looked like to serve those around Him. Before Jesus returned to heaven, He left the disciples with a special command. **Let's read it in the book of Matthew. This is the first book in the New Testament and it was written by one of Jesus' disciples, Matthew. Can you help me find Matthew chapter 28, verses 18-20?**

AND JESUS CAME AND SAID TO THEM, "ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE."

MATTHEW 28:18-20





Jesus' disciples did exactly as He asked, preaching and teaching throughout the world. Over many, many years, this message has been passed down until someone in my life and someone in yours obeyed that call and invited us to turn away from our sin and follow Jesus. And **we can share the Gospel with others***, just like someone shared it with us! As we continue telling others about God's Big Story, more and more people will hear the good news that Jesus came to end the separation between us and God. And as more people become followers of Jesus, the family of God will continue to grow!

The family of God is a **HUGE family***, full of people from all over the world. Even though they may wear clothes that don't look like yours, speak a language you don't understand or even worship God differently than you, we are all one big family! Just like you have parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins, the family of God has many members! When we put our trust in Jesus, we become part of God's family, gaining family members from all around the world.

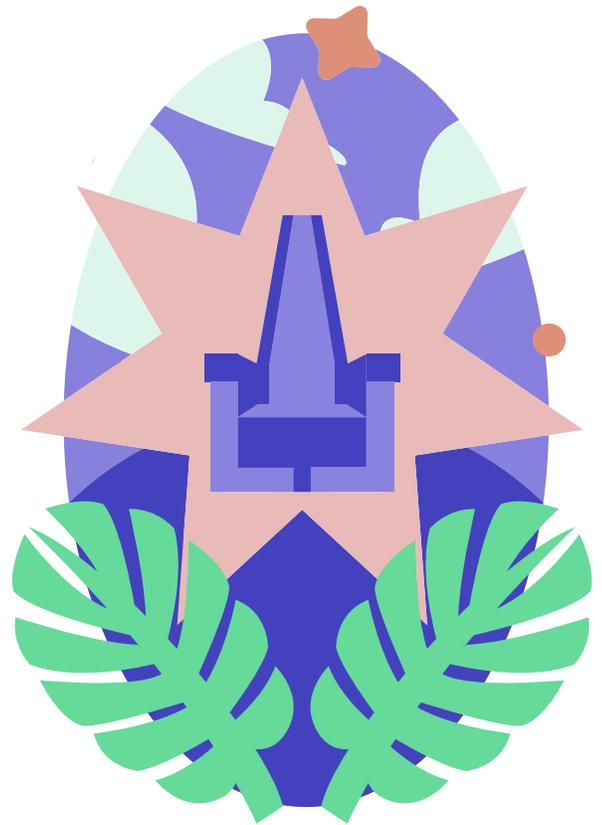
When you live in the same home with a family, you love them, care for them and pray for them. We can do the same thing with our Christian brothers and sisters who live all over the world! We can **pray for our Christian family*** who is suffering because of war, poverty and hunger. We can love those who are discouraged by encouraging them with cards and messages. We can care for the hurting by giving our time, skills or money. We can even celebrate with them when we hear how God is working in and through them!



One day, the family of God will worship together in heaven. We will finally see our brothers and sisters from all over the world, together and worshipping God. **Let's read about it in Revelation chapter 7, verses 9-12. Revelation is the very last book of the Bible.**

AFTER THIS I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD NUMBER, FROM EVERY NATION, FROM ALL TRIBES AND PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB, CLOTHED IN WHITE ROBES, WITH PALM BRANCHES IN THEIR HANDS, AND CRYING OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, "SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, AND TO THE LAMB!"

REVELATION 7:9-10



***Parents:** Interested in learning more about what God is doing all over the world? Go to awana.org/go (click on "Kids & Family" link) and awana.org/africaschoolsproject to share with your family powerful stories of God's work throughout the world!

END OF TALK TOGETHER

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

♥ MEMORIZE

"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ..."

MATTHEW 28:19

Q: HOW DOES GOD GROW HIS FAMILY?

A: BY MAKING DISCIPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

SHARE

Tell your kids about a time you shared the Gospel with people who are far from God.



PRAY

GOD, THANK YOU FOR CHANGING OUR LIVES WITH YOUR LOVE. GIVE US CREATIVITY AND BOLDNESS TO SHARE THE MESSAGE OF JESUS WITH THOSE WHO ARE FAR FROM YOU. HELP US TO BE PART OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING AROUND THE WORLD. GROW YOUR FAMILY AND BLESS YOUR CHURCH. AMEN.

LEARN

Visit this website to find videos and resources to learn more about members of God's family who live all around the world!

CREATE

To help your littles remember Jesus' words to "go into all the world," craft a model of the world with them. This could be as simple as coloring a map of the earth or as complicated as a sewing project or glittery multidimensional art project.

Remind them that Jesus loves the world so much He gave His life and He asks us to tell others about His great gift.

MAP

Visit the **Awana GO** website and click on the map pins to be inspired by kids around the U.S. who are reaching kids in other countries for Jesus.

Talk about ways your family could creatively and intentionally get involved in global missions. Remind your kids that they are never too young or too small to do big things for God.

GIVE



Give! Brainstorm ways your family could raise money to reach kids around the world for Jesus. Consider hosting a lemonade stand, bake sale or garage sale. Complete chores for neighbors and friends in exchange for donations. Intentionally go without something special (desserts, movies, a subscription service) for a period of time as a family and use that money to support a mission project such as the **Africa Schools Project**.



SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

SING

Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God for The Family of God!


Talk About



MORE TO EXPLORE

HOW CAN I OBEY JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS IN MATTHEW 28? I'M ONLY A KID!

Jesus told the disciples to go to all nations and share the Gospel, the good news about Jesus' forgiveness, with everyone! You may be just a kid, but you can share the Gospel, too! You can share the good news of Jesus' gift of salvation with anyone – whether they live next door, in another town or in a country far from you!

**Parents, if you would like to help your children understand the Gospel, check out the God's Big Story series here! Series on at talkaboutdiscipleship.com.*

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAMILY OF GOD?

Pick a country to learn about and pray over for the next week.

Learn about the country's:

1. Religious beliefs
2. Goods and services (what the country produces and/or sells globally)
3. Government
4. History, culture and/or tradition
5. Economy
6. Food
7. People group

HOW CAN I PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD?

You can pray for God to take care of the BIG family of God, just like you pray for the family members you live with. Here are some things you can pray about:

- Change people's hearts to come to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Make print, web, radio and television media effective in reaching people who are far from God.
- Guide the country's leaders to make good decisions for its people.
- Strengthen the family of God, His Church, in that part of the world.
- Provide for the country's poor, widowed, orphaned and disadvantaged.
- Make the Word of God available in the country's common language and accessible to the whole population.
- Send men and women who will boldly teach the people about Jesus.

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES YOUR FAMILY CAN READ TOGETHER:

- Read **DEUTERONOMY 6** to find out how to talk about our faith with our children.
- Find out more about the family of God in **JOHN 8:31-47**.
- **ROMANS 10:14-15**, **MATTHEW 9:37-38** and **1 PETER 3:15** talk about the need for Christian teaching to reach those who are far from God.



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