



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.
Our desire is to see families use this resource
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

UNIT 5:

GOD INSTRUCTS HIS PEOPLE

God continued to show Himself faithful to the Israelites, even though He knew they would be unfaithful to Him. God gave His people commands to follow because He loved them. God instructed the Israelites on how to love Him and other people. He gave them clear instructions on what it means to worship Him alone.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why do we need to be saved?

People are sinful and cannot save themselves.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Samuel 2:2

There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.



AT HOME RESOURCES

January 5 | Session 1

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS | EXODUS 19-20; 31



STORY POINT:
God gave commands to His people to show them how to love Him and others.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God gave His people commandments so they would know how to honor Him and live rightly. Because of sin, no one is able to keep these commandments perfectly. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect, sinless life. Jesus died and rose again so that sinners can be forgiven.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What are the Ten Commandments?
(See Ex. 20:1-17.)

How do the commandments teach us to love God and people?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Play a game of "Simon Says". Play a few rounds while making the game increasingly difficult. Try to make it so that no one can perfectly follow the calls to move. Discuss how hard it is to follow God's rules perfectly. Then talk about how Jesus kept all the commandments perfectly on our behalf, and how we are saved by grace and not by following rules.

TO SERVE :

Use a poster board to write out the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:1-17. Over a 10-day period, study one commandment each day. Discuss how the commandment might help a person to love God or love others. Talk with kids about the ways we might disobey the commandment, and how it points us to Jesus as the only perfectly righteous one.

January 12 | Session 2

THE GOLDEN CALF | EXODUS 32; 34



STORY POINT:
The Israelites sinned by making and worshipping a golden calf.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The people chose to worship a golden calf instead of God, and God's anger burned against them. Moses interceded so that God would forgive them. We are all sinners who deserve the wrath of God, but Jesus interceded for us through His life, death, and resurrection so we can be saved!

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why was God right to be angry with His people's sin?

How does Jesus save us from God's judgment of sin?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Bake cookies together as a family. Allow each family member to help in the process. While the cookies bake in the oven, talk about how hard it is to wait for something you really want—like cookies! Talk with kids about how our impatience often reveals what we truly desire most. Pray as a family that God would work in your hearts to desire Jesus and His will more than anything.

TO SERVE :

Take time this week to clean out a closet or toy box. As you prepare to donate or get rid of items, talk about how we all desire to have things that make us feel happy or more popular. Discuss with your kids how our "stuff" can be an idol—something that we love or trust to satisfy us more than God. Ask God to cleanse your heart of any idols and to help you look to Him as your only need.

January 19 | Session 3

BUILDING THE TABERNACLE | EXODUS 35-40



STORY POINT:
The tabernacle was built for God to dwell with His people.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God told Moses and the people to build the tabernacle so that He could dwell among them. We no longer need a tabernacle because those who trust in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have been given the Holy Spirit so that God lives in us, not merely near us.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why was the tabernacle built?

Why do we not need a tabernacle today?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Use blankets and furniture to make an indoor tent. Climb into the tent and read the Bible story together. Tell stories of times you felt God's presence with you and celebrate the fact that God wants to dwell with His people!

TO SERVE :

Volunteer to clean or decorate your church for an upcoming service. Work as a family to prepare the space for worship. As you work, talk with kids about the specific instructions God gave for the tabernacle construction. Remind your kids that the Holy Spirit dwells with and in every believer.

January 26 | Session 4

WORSHIP AT THE TABERNACLE | LEVITICUS 16; 19; 26



STORY POINT:
God commanded the Israelites to be holy and worship Him alone.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice animals to demonstrate the forgiveness and removal of sin. God gave His one and only Son, Jesus, as the perfect and final sacrifice for sin. Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins and made clean forever.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Did Aaron need forgiveness of his sins too? Why?

Why is Jesus the perfect and final sacrifice for sin?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Use the internet to look up funny laws that are technically still enforceable in the United States. Talk about how those laws might have once had a purpose, but are no longer needed. Now, flip through the book of Leviticus together and read some of the laws God gave the Israelites. Some of these laws are no longer needed, but they still show us how we are to relate to a holy God. Talk about some of the ways your family can use offerings as a way to worship God.

TO SERVE :

Make a monetary donation to a local ministry or missionary partner of your church. Ask each family member to contribute money to the offering. Talk with kids about how our offerings allow us to thank God for all He provides and celebrate what He can do through the ministry of those you support.



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