

Joy Kids Curriculum

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God is Love

Provided By: Joy Kids

Hello Parents/Caregiver!

Firstly, thank you for taking advantage of using this curriculum for your child(ren) during these uncertain times. By providing your child with a small piece of normalcy you will be doing huge things for their minds and hearts. Our Joy Kids Team is here to partner with you and your family by continuing to provide curriculum for as long as needed.

The best way to utilize what is provided in this packet is to follow it as closely as possible and use the parts that best suit your individual child(ren). This is meant to cover all ages that attend Joy Kids so it is possible that not all of it will be something your child is capable of or interested in doing.

Above all we hope this provides you with another opportunity to connect with your child(ren) and to have fun while learning about the Word! Also, feel free to add and elaborate on things! We cannot wait until we are able to be under one roof worshipping together again!

- The Joy Kids Team

P.S. If you need clarification on anything please feel free to message the church on Facebook or Felicia Myers directly. We are here to help!

Supplies: Coloring crayons/pencils/markers

Overview

- **Open in Prayer** (Encourage your child to do this)
- **Say:** Two weeks ago we began learning about who God is! The first week we talked about how God is our protector. Last week we celebrated Mother's Day and this week we will be learning about how God is LOVE!
- **Ask:** What does "God is Love" mean and how is it different from saying that God loves us?
- **Say:** We are going to be reading lots of scripture about God, how He shows us love, how His love enables us to love, and how we should be showing love to others.
- **Read:** Scriptures on page 4 and stop to discuss what the Word is saying about the love of God after each one is read.
- **Ask:**
 - o Why does God love you?
 - o How do we show God we love Him?
 - o How can we show God's love to people?
- **Activity:** Cut out hearts and on each heart draw a picture showing God's love for us or us showing God's love. Hang these pictures in an area that everyone can see and be reminded that God is love!
- **Activity:** Take time as a family to come up with ways to show the love of God to our community. There are lots of ways to bless different community helpers such as the fire department, police department, grocery workers, etc. If you are in need of ideas you can easily contact these different entities and ask if there is anything they need. A more simple approach would be to make thank you cards and drop them off.
- **Close in prayer** – Ask if your child has anything they would like prayer for. Pray for your community, church, and those affected by COVID -19.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16 (ESV)

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.”
1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)

“How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He’s the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.”
Ephesians 1:3-6 (MSG)