

Unit 34

Our Heavenly Father

The LORD hears when I call to him.
Psalm 4:3

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch “Our Heavenly Father” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in June.

The video shows children sharing about how God is always with them. They share examples of talking to God about all kinds of things.

- How do you talk to God? How can you remember that God is always with you?

The Bible stories this month all taught us something about our heavenly Father. In the first story, we saw God answer Nehemiah’s prayer (Nehemiah 1:1–2:18). The next story taught us how Jehoshaphat trusted God to do what’s best (2 Chronicles 20:1–25). In another story, we saw how Hannah was grateful for answered prayer (1 Samuel 1:1–2:19). Then we learned how Sarah waited for God’s answers (Genesis 15:1–5; 17:15–21; 21:1–3). Finally, we learned about a time when God told Paul “no” (2 Corinthians 12:7–10). These stories all taught us that because God answers our prayers, we can trust Him, thank Him, and continue to pray—even when His answer is “no.”

Through our stories this unit, we learn how we can trust God to hear us and take care of us.

- We can trust that God will give us what we need! How can you remember that your heavenly Father loves you and is with you this week?
- Memorize Psalm 4:3. As a family, talk about situations where each family member could bring their requests to God and trust Him.
- Spend time this week at a family meal talking about prayer. Give each person the opportunity to share a prayer request, and then take time to pray for each request shared. (Examples: Praying for God’s help on a math test, asking God for help to get along with siblings, asking God to provide for needs, etc.)

End with a short prayer. God, help us to remember that You are always with us. Help us to pray about everything because You love and care for us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 35

My Family

Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.

Psalm 119:129

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch "My Family" before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in July.

In this video, we learn that God created our families! We also learn that because God loves us, we can show love to our family. In this video, the children share lots of ideas for how their families show love to each other.

- What are some things your family does to love and care for you? How do their words and actions make you feel?

Our Bible stories this month showed us how families can love and care for each other. In our first story, we saw how Timothy's family taught him about God (2 Timothy 1:1–5; 3:14–17; Acts 16:1–5). In another story, we learned how two sisters discovered what's really important (Luke 10:38–42). Then we heard about how those two sisters, Mary and Martha, asked Jesus to help their brother (John 11:1–44). Finally, we learned how Mary showed her love for Jesus by worshiping Him (John 12:1–8).

From our stories in this unit, we see how being in God's family affects the way we live in our human family.

- What are some ways you can show love for your family this week?
- Memorize Psalm 119:129. Talk about what God's Word teaches us about how to treat other people, including our family. Why is it important to obey God's Word?
- Set aside a family prayer time each day this week. Each day, pray for each person in your family to know that God cares for them. Lift up specific requests each member may have. Let family members take turns being the prayer leader each day.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for our family! Help us to love our family because You love us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Unit 36

My Church Family

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch “My Church Family” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in August.

Throughout the video, we see children talking about their church families. They share things they love about their churches and the people who are part of them. God gives us a church family to help us love each other and grow in faith!

- What are some things you love about your church family?

This unit’s Bible stories showed us how God’s people live better together. In the first lesson, we saw David and the people gather together to worship God (1 Chronicles 29:10–21). In another lesson, we saw David praise God through song (Psalm 145:1–13). In the following week’s lesson, we saw how Jesus worshiped God by reading Scripture (Luke 4:16–22). In the final lesson of our unit, we discovered that God wants us to give cheerfully to Him and to others (Acts 11:22–30).

From these stories, we learn that God’s people are all part of His family.

- How does your church family work together?
- Memorize 2 Corinthians 9:7. As a family, discuss times when family members have been cheerful givers and times when they have not. Which attitude shows true love to the person receiving the gift?
- As a family, brainstorm ideas to give cheerfully to people in your church family this week. Can you take a meal to someone who’s sick? Can you pray for people facing difficulties? Can you help out by watching a family’s kids while the parents work? Think about the needs of your church family and pick one idea your family can do together.

End with a short prayer. God, help us to love and encourage the people in our church! Thank You for giving us a church family to help us become more like You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.