

Unit 34

Our Heavenly Father

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

Psalms 121:1-2

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 Hannah pray in her distress (1 Samuel 1:1—2:19). The next story taught us how Josiah’s determination to please God helped others worship God (2 Chronicles 34:1—35:19). In another story, we saw that God took care of Daniel and his friends in a scary situation (Daniel 2:1-49). We later talked about Zerubbabel and his people building God’s temple (Ezra 1—6). Finally, the last story showed Ezra and the Israelites confessing their sins to God (Ezra 7—10). These stories all taught us that God is with us, answers our prayers, deserves our praise, helps us in our problems, and forgives us when we confess our sins.

Through our stories this unit, we learn how we can trust God to supply all that we need.

- We can trust that God is always with us! How can you remember that your Heavenly Father loves you and is with you this week?
- Memorize Psalms 121:1-2. As a family, talk about situations where each family member could put their trust in God and ask for His help this week. Then pray and ask God to remind each family member that He loves them and is with them.
- Spend time at a family meal talking about prayer this week. 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

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:18

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 Abraham ending a quarrel with his nephew Lot (Genesis 13). In another story, we learned how Moses’ father-in-law, Jethro, gave him advice to help the Israelites (Exodus 18). Then we heard about God’s promise to bless David’s family (1 Chronicles 17). Finally, we learned how a royal official trusted Jesus to help his son (John 4:43-53).

From our stories in this unit, we see many ways to care for other people.

- What are some ways you can show love for your family this week?
- Memorize Romans 12:18. Have each family member take turns saying, “I can live at peace with [insert friend or family member’s name here] as far as it depends on me!” The other family members can respond by saying, “We can live at peace with everyone!”
- 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 families because You love us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 36

My Church Family

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:10

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 talked about Jehoshaphat and his people seeking God’s help (2 Chronicles 20:1-30). In another lesson, we learned how Jesus took the place of the Old Testament sacrifice (Exodus 11; 12; 29:25-18; John 1:29). In the following week’s lesson, we learned about Jesus worshiping and teaching at the synagogue (Luke 4:16-31). In the final lesson of our unit, we discovered how early Christians helped each other (2 Corinthians 8—9).

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

- How does your church family work together?
- Memorize Galatians 6:10. As a family, discuss ways that each family member can do good to all people, especially those who belong to God’s family. How can each person show love and care for someone in their church family this week?
- As a family, brainstorm ideas to bless 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.