

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 best 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 that God answered Jehoshaphat’s prayer (2 Chronicles 20:1-25). We later saw how Hannah was grateful for an answered prayer (1 Samuel 1:1—2:19). In another story, we saw how Sarah waited patiently for God’s answers (Genesis 15:1-5; 17:15-21; 21:1-3). Finally, the last story showed Paul trusting God, even when God answered Paul’s prayer with “no” (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). 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 in 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 Psalm 4:3. As a family, talk about situations where each family member could put their trust in God through prayer 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

“Pray for each other.”

James 5:16

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 best 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 Timothy’s mother and grandmother teaching him about Jesus (2 Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-17; Acts 16:1-5). In another story, we learned how two sisters discover what’s really important (Luke 10:38-42). Then we heard about 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 worshipping God (John 12:1-8).

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 James 5:16. Have each family member take turns saying how they can love each family member through prayer this week.
- 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

“Work together for the truth.”

3 John 8

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 best in August.

Throughout the video, we see children talking about their church families. They share things they love about their churches and the people that 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 lives are better together. In the first lesson, we read about David and the people worshiping God (1 Chronicles 29:10-21). In another lesson, we read David’s praise for God in the form of a psalm (Psalm 145:1-13). In the following week’s lesson, we learned about Jesus reading the Scriptures as part of His worship in the synagogue (Luke 4:16-22). In the final lesson of our unit, we discovered that Christians give money to help others as an act of worship (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 3 John 8. As a family, discuss ways that each family member can practice working together for the truth. How can each person share the truth of Scripture and good news of Jesus with someone else this week? Thank God for His truth!
- 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.