

FAMILY

God Story:

Family Care | 1 Timothy 5-6

Big Idea:

We are family!

Key Verse:

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. | 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIRV)

Leader Tip:

Emphasize that the Church—the body of Christ—is God's family. And this family takes care of one another!

Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 minutes**
Introduce today's lesson by talking about families.
- 2. Intro Activity** **5 minutes**
Play a family photo game and highlight today's Big Idea.

Gs God Story

Ls Life Story

- 3. Weekly Video** **12 minutes**
The video includes host, God Story, Life Story, and Key Verse segments.

Ms My Story

- 4. Small Group Activity** **12 minutes***
Review the video teaching and then think of a motto and create a coat of arms for the family of God.
- 5. Key Verse Activity** **8 minutes**
Review 1 Timothy 4:12 and then share about what the kids believe.

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- 6. Dismissal**
Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

* Extendable activity



1. CONVERSATION STARTER

Supplies:

- None

Leader Tips:

- (Father's Day option) Point out that God gave us dads as well as family and friends who serve as father figures. Most importantly, God is our perfect father! Please be mindful that Father's Day can be difficult for some kids.
- Be sensitive to the many different kinds of families.
- The Conversation Starter is a great way to make everyone feel welcome and build community! Use it to set the tone for your group's time together.

Instructions:

- As the kids arrive, welcome them and gather everyone in a group.
- Ask:
 - What makes a group of people a family?
 - How do you know who is part of your family?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **We are family!** Tell the kids that God says we're all family. We should think of one another as brothers and sisters and moms and dads.
- Discuss: If we're a family, how does that affect how we treat one another?
- Emphasize that we should care for, help, and love one another.

2. INTRO ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- None

Leader Tip:

- If the kids see leaders engaged and having fun, they're more likely to enjoy this game!

Instructions:

- Gather everyone in an open area.
- Direct the kids to start moving around in a variety of fun ways (e.g., crawl, hop on one foot, walk backwards, etc.).
- Have one leader turn their back so they cannot see anyone.
- Explain that when this leader calls out, "Family photo!" the kids must run to get together and pose like they're in a big family photo with some standing, some sitting, etc. They must be in position before the leader turns around and pretends to take a photo of them.
- If you have multiple leaders, have the rest of them guide the kids as they move around.
- When pretending to take the photo, the leader should have the kids say, "**We are family!**" instead of "Cheese!"
- Repeat as long as the kids are engaged.



3. WEEKLY VIDEO

Supplies:

- Video file

Leader Tip:

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video as necessary.

Instructions:

- Play the video. It contains:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (Family Care | 1 Timothy 5-6)
 - Life Story (Reptile Rob shares how we can take care of animals and make them part of our family.)

- Remind the kids that all followers of Jesus are part of a family. We need to take care of our family members!
- Give each person an activity page.
- Place the markers where everyone can reach them.
- Explain that a coat of arms is a visual reminder of what's important to a family.
- Encourage the kids to think of what the family motto for Jesus-followers might be (e.g., "We help each other" or "We are God's family").
- Instruct them to write the motto they choose inside the banner area.
- Direct the kids to draw symbols or simple pictures of what's important to God's family (e.g., helping, giving, praying, going to church, including everyone, cheering for one another, etc.).
- If time permits, invite everyone to share their family coat of arms with the rest of the group.



4. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Coat of Arms activity pages
- Markers

Leader Tips:

- The goal of this activity is to think about our identity as a family.
- Make sure everyone's names are on their pages.

Instructions:

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Discuss:
 - What was the God Story about in today's video?
 - What was the Life Story about?

5. KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Key Verse sign
- Wall-safe tape

Before the Activity:

- Place the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it.

Leader Tip:

- The kids could also brainstorm ideas as a group, and then say what they believe together.

Instructions:

- Bring everyone back together and sit in a large circle.
- Review 1 Timothy 4:12 by inviting a few kids to read it aloud.
- Encourage the kids to think about how they can be an example to others in what they believe.
- Ask: What do you believe?
- Guide everyone to take turns standing up and sharing about what they believe (e.g., I believe that Jesus loves everyone). They may also repeat someone else's statement or pass. Continue as long as the kids have ideas to share.
- To wrap up, stand up and say the Key Verse out loud together.

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6. DISMISSAL

Supplies:

- Kids' crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse colouring pages
- Key Verse cards

Before Dismissal:

- Place any crafts and take-home materials where everyone can access them easily.

Leader Tip:

- Take a moment to share with parents about their kids' experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.

Instructions:

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids.
- Give everyone take-home cards.
- Offer Key Verse cards and colouring pages to anyone who has not gotten one yet this month.
- Remind them to take any crafts.
- Make sure the security numbers match before the kids leave with their parents.