

FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 4

Materials Needed: Red, yellow, and green items or 3 pieces of paper colored red, yellow, and green; soft item (to toss)

Bible Story: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)



CIRCLE UP

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK Have each family member answer this question: Would you rather ride on top of a double-decker bus or tour a castle?

SAY Those are both exciting things! And just like we all have names, God has different names that help us understand what He is like. One of God's names is Father. God is a perfect Father who is good to His children! When we believe in Jesus, God is not just our Creator; He's also our Father, and we are His children. So say this with me:

God Is (point up)

My Father (hug self)

WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.

ASK your Elementary Schooler:

When the one son left home, did he make all the right choices while he was gone? (No)

But when the son came back home, what happened? (The father welcomed him, was excited to see him, and forgave him right away) Even though the son had made mistakes, the father was so thankful to see his son come home.

When we do wrong things, does our heavenly Father forgive us? (Yes) That's right! God is a perfect Father who will always love us and forgive us.

ASK your Preschooler:

Was the father happy or sad when his younger son went away? (Sad)

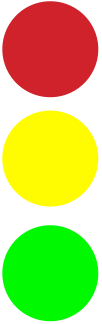
When the younger son came back home, was his dad happy or mad to see him? (Happy)

You got it! God is like the father in this story. God is our Father, and He loves us so much!

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

DO

Traffic Light
Example



1. Collect three **items** - one red, one yellow, and one green, OR color three pieces of **paper** - one red, one yellow, and one green. Then set them up in the shape of a traffic light (see example at left).
2. Choose an **item** that is soft for each family member to toss, such as a small stuffed animal, pair of socks, etc.
3. Have each family member toss the item onto of the three colors. Have them do the following based on the color landed on or closest to:
 - **Green** - GO and tell the family to move and sound like any type of vehicle (boat, car, airplane, etc.)
 - **Yellow** - Slowly SAY the Need to Know together: **God Is My Father**
 - **Red** - STOP and tell something you learned from the Bible story today

PRAY

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Dear God, thank You for being a perfect Father. Thank You for loving us no matter what! Please help us grow to be more like You. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE IT

SAY

Practice the memory verse in the following way: Divide your family into two teams, "Captains" and "Passengers." The team being "Captains" will say the verse while the "Passengers" do the motions. Then have teams switch roles.

Elementary Memory Verse:

"Those who know Your name (point to side of head)
trust in You, (hand over heart)
for You, O Lord, (point up)
do not abandon (shake head "no")
those who search for You." (make binoculars over eyes)
Psalm 9:10 (make book with hands)

Preschool Memory Verse:

"Those who know (tap sides of head)
Your name (both hands point up)
trust in You." (clasp hands together)
Psalm 9:10 (make book with hands)