

**SERIES:** AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE

**WEEK:** MAY 3 - LOVE

## OPEN IT UP

AS A FAMILY OR GROUP, INVITE EVERYONE TO TALK ABOUT A TIME THEY FELT MOST LOVED AND WHY. FOR PRESCHOOLERS, IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO ASK ABOUT SOMETHING MOMMY OR DADDY DOES THAT MAKES THEM FEEL LOVED. FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS AND STUDENTS, INVITE THEM TO TALK ABOUT A TIME THEY FELT LOVED BY ANOTHER PERSON OR BY GOD.

## TAKE IT FURTHER

### **PRESCHOOL:**

- 1) COUNTING ON ONE HAND, NAME 5 THINGS YOU LOVE (LIKE PIZZA, OR A GAME, OR THE BEACH).
- 2) WHO ARE SOME PEOPLE YOU LOVE A LOT? WHY DO YOU LOVE THEM?

### **ELEMENTARY:**

- 1) THE BIBLE SAYS "GOD IS LOVE." WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU KNOW GOD LOVES YOU
- 2) SINCE LOVE ISN'T JUST A FEELING, BUT A WAY WE LIVE, WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU SHOW OTHERS YOU LOVE THEM?

### **STUDENTS:**

- 1) WHEN HAVE YOU DEMONSTRATED LOVE TO SOMEONE IN THE LAST WEEK? CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME YOU MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW LOVE?
- 2) WHAT DO YOU ASSUME GOD FEELS ABOUT YOU WHEN HE THINKS ABOUT YOU?

### **GROUPS:**

- 1) HOW DOES THE TRUTH THAT GOD CONSIDERS YOU A FRIEND AND NOT A SERVANT IMPACT YOU?
- 2) JOHN 15:7 ENCOURAGES US TO REMAIN IN GOD'S LOVE. WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO CENTER YOUR IDENTITY AROUND BEING LOVED BY JESUS?
- 3) HOW CAN REMAINING CONNECTED TO THE VINE, AND YOUR TRUE IDENTITY, ENABLE YOU TO PRODUCE THE FRUIT OF LOVE THIS WEEK?

## LOOK IT UP

**JOHN 15:1-17 | PSALM 139 | I JOHN 4:7-21 | I CORINTHIANS 13**

## TRY IT OUT

### **PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY FAMILIES:**

FIND A WAY TO USE A LIME (OR LIME FLAVORING) THIS WEEK. TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT AND INTENTIONAL WAYS YOU CAN SHOW LOVE TO THE PEOPLE IN YOUR FAMILY AND THE ONE ANOTHERS AROUND YOU. MAKE A PLAN TO DO SO.

### **STUDENTS:**

ASK GOD TO BRING TO MIND A FRIEND WHO REALLY NEEDS TO BE SHOWN LOVE THIS WEEK. BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO TEXT THEM, SERVE THEM, ENCOURAGE THEM, OR REMIND THEM OF HOW GOD SEES THEM. SET A REMINDER SO YOU WON'T FORGET.

### **GROUPS:**

STUDY PSALM 139 TOGETHER. WHICH PARTS OF DAVID'S PRAYER ARE ENCOURAGING? WHICH ARE CHALLENGING? WHY? ADDITIONALLY, FIND A WAY TO SHOW LOVE TO SOMEONE AS A GROUP THIS WEEK THROUGH MEETING A PARTICULAR NEED.

## CLOSE IT OUT

### **FAMILY:**

GOD, THANK YOU FOR LOVING US FIRST AND FOR SHOWING US WHAT TRUE LOVE LOOKS LIKE. HELP (CHILD'S NAME) TO UNDERSTAND YOUR LOVE FOR HIM/HER AND HELP ME SET THE EXAMPLE BY LOVING LIKE YOU DO. PLEASE GIVE (CHILD'S NAME) A HEART OF LOVE THAT LOOKS LIKE YOURS. AMEN.

### **GROUPS:**

PRAY FOR AN INCREASED UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS OF GOD'S LOVE AS WELL AS WHAT IT MEANS TO REMAIN IN THAT LOVE AND LET IT IMPACT YOUR CORE IDENTITY.