



E-Kids: At home with your family 24th May 2020

**I am God's Child
Matthew 12:46-50 (ESV)**

⁴⁶While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁸But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Intro

I am God's child/We are God's children is the truth to live by for this week, and again we have a different passage to the one preached.

We touched on this truth on Easter day when Jesus gave Mary a message for the disciples in John 20:17.

'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and to your God'

There are lots of really encouraging things that come out of thinking about being a child of God. Use this passage to explain God's family is made up of people who trust that Jesus died for them, and why it's a good thing to be part of God's family.

Here are just a few thoughts.

God is our Father, so all the things that we know about God-his character, his power, his love etc, are present in the closeness of the best Father-Child Relationship imaginable. Therefore, we can remind our children they are never alone, God is always with them, and God loves them he is powerful, and is at work to do us real good.

Jesus is our brother a brother who loves us more than our own brothers, or sisters, or family or friends. A comfort when family and friends let us down, Jesus will never let us down, say anything unkind or fall out with us.

We have a big family we have our family of siblings, parents, grandparents-our relatives, and we have our church family-our faith family- a family made up of people who trust in Jesus' death to make them part of His family.

Our Emmanuel family is one part of God's family, our Emmanuel Family will care for us, help us and pray for us.

There are people in God's family almost all over the world, so if we ever have to move home, we will get to meet a new family.

The passage

-is short and there is not much of a story. Jesus is preaching, his Mum and his brothers come to find him. When he get's the message that they want to see him he uses it to explain that he is part of another family, and that anyone who trusts in Jesus' death for them is part of his family, and that his family are known by their obedience to God, doing what the Father wants.

Tricky bits

It seems like Jesus is denying his relationship with his mother, and siblings, but that would not fit with the care he show's for his mother, when he is on the cross in John 19:26-27. It's a way of explaining the closeness of the family of faith.

The mark of being a child of God is wanting to do what he wants -obedience. It's a mark not a requirement of entry. As we grow in our love and understanding of God we grow in our obedience. It's a long process for all of us!!

Something to Pray,

Use the people paper chain (see activity below) to:

1. Thank God for our faith family
2. Ask God to help all our relatives trust in Jesus (and therefore be art of God's family too)
3. Help us to trust that God is always looking after us.

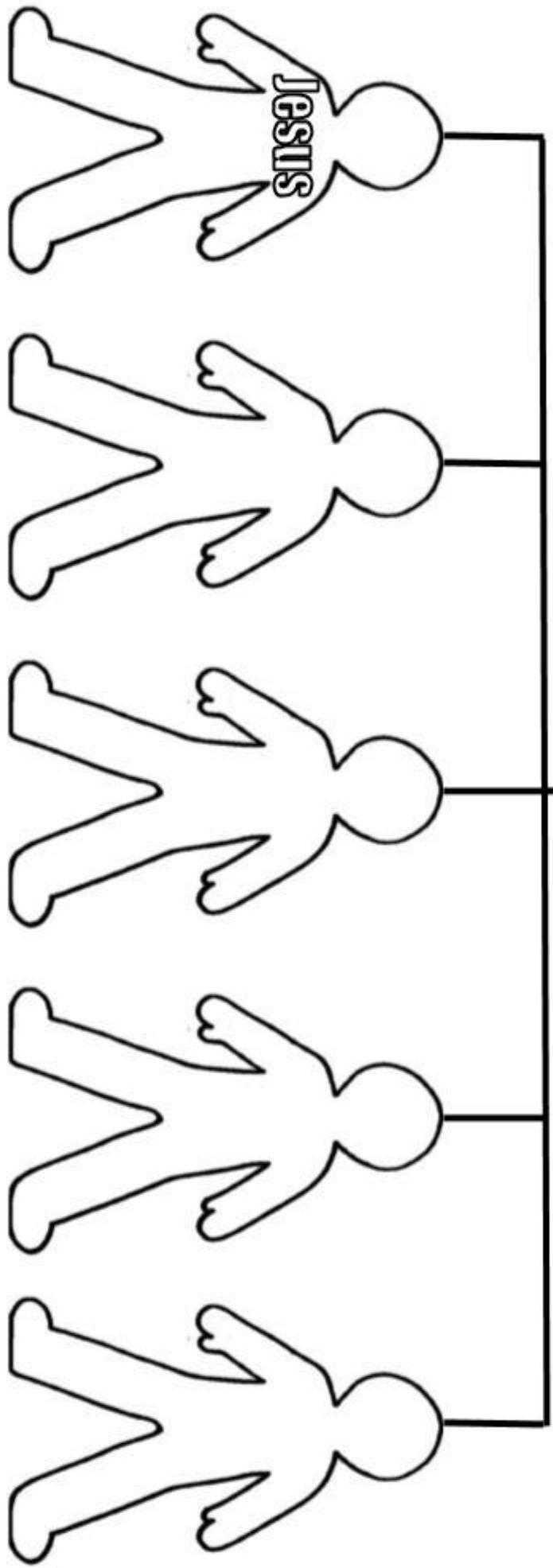
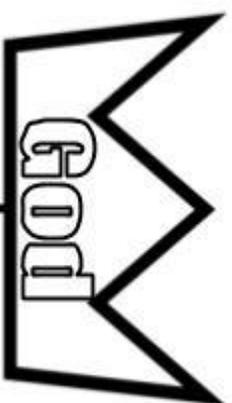
Activities

Use the following link to help you make a chain of people-make as many chains as you like use it to explain about everyone who trusts in Jesus being part of the same family tree. Maybe write on the people names of people who are in God's family and then colour in.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZo68K6vWZ4>

Colouring sheet

Reminds us that we are all children of God, it's different from a family tree of relatives, there are no Grandchildren. We're all children.



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