



SUMMER
ESSENTIALS
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP
SERIES



SUMMER 2023

TRUST AND LEARN

In Mark 1:15, Jesus says...

Read the Story: Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10

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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. What does “Repent” mean? *Repent means turning from sin and following Jesus.*
2. What does “Believe” mean? *Believe means choosing to trust Jesus as Lord.*
3. Why should we repent? *Read Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9*
4. Who should repent? *Acts 2:38-41 - Everyone should repent for forgiveness.*
5. What is assurance? *1 John 1:9 says that He is faithful to forgive us. John 10:28 says our salvation belongs to Jesus.*



LOVE GOD

In Matthew 22:36-39, Jesus says...

Read the Story: Sinful Woman, Luke 7:36-50

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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. What is love? *John 15:13 and 1 Corinthians 13*
2. Why do we love? *John 13:34-45 - Because Jesus loved us first.*
Love teaches the world about Jesus
3. How do we love? *John 14:15 - Loving Jesus means we obey him.*
John 21:17 - Loving others means telling them what God has done for you.
4. If we love God with all that we have (heart, strength, and mind), what area are you holding onto?

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

In Matthew 22:36-39 Jesus says...

Read the Story: Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37

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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. Who do we love? *We love God first with our "allness." Then we love our neighbor.*
2. Love your neighbor is found in the Bible 8 times and it is a command. What does that mean?
3. How do we love our neighbor? *Philippians 2:4*
4. Paul tells us we can do a lot of great things, but if we don't have love we are a noisy gong. Think about where you live, work, and play. Where are you going? *1 Corinthians 13.*

PURPOSE: GO & MAKE DISCIPLES

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus says...

Read the Story: Samaritan Woman, John 4:4-42

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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. Who should we share with? *John 4:16 – Our friends, family, and neighbors*
2. What should we say? *John 4:29 – The woman shared her story and Jesus' story (the gospel).*
3. Who is qualified to go? *John 4 – The Samaritan woman was! Every believer.*
4. How should we go? *As you do life where you live, work, and play.*
 - a) *praying*
 - b) *sharing*
 - c) *looking for “persons of peace”*
 - d) *disciple them in the very things we are learning here*



BE BAPTIZED

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus says...

Read the Story: Philip and the New Believer, Acts 8:26-39

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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. What is "Baptism?" *Romans 6 :3-4 - Baptism is a symbol that we have died to our old life and been raised to a new life in Jesus.*
2. Why should we be baptized? *Matthew 3:13-15 - Jesus received baptism, so should we. Receiving baptism means we have identified Jesus as our Lord.*
3. Who should be baptized? *Acts 2:38 - Everyone who turns and trusts in Jesus.*
4. How should we be baptized? *Matthew 3:16 - Jesus went down into the water and there was a crowd of witnesses around Him.*



PRAY

In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus says...

Read the Story: Jesus teaches about prayer, Matthew 6:5-15
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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. Why do we pray? *Matt. 6:9-13 – He hears. We desire His will on earth.*

2. How do we pray? *By simply talking to God.*

Our Father = God is your perfect heavenly father.

Hallowed be your name = means greatly revered and honored.

Give us today our daily bread = Ask for your needs

Forgive us our debts = Ask for forgiveness of any sin

Deliver us from the evil one = Pray for the deliverance when you face temptation

TRUTH: GOD'S WORD

In John 14:6, Jesus says...

Read the Story: Jesus teaches about obeying his instructions, Matthew 7:24-29
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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. Why do we read the Bible? *Matthew 7:24-29 – We understand God's will by reading His truth.*
2. How does reading the Bible help us? *2 Timothy 3:15-17 – Scripture is good for teaching, correcting, and training us.*
3. How do we read the Bible?
 1. *Read the scripture aloud.*
 2. *Read the scripture to yourself several times in different translations if possible.*
 3. *Pray and ask God to help you understand what you are reading.*
 4. *Use these discovery questions to reveal its meaning for our lives.*
 - a. *What does this passage say about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?*
 - b. *What do we learn from the people in this passage?*
 - c. *S.P.E.C. asks: Is there a ...*
 1. *sin to avoid?*
 2. *promise to claim?*
 3. *example to follow?*
 4. *command to obey?*

BELONGING: GATHER

In Hebrews 10:24-25, Jesus says...

Read the Story: The First Church, Acts 2:36-47

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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. Who is the church? *Acts 2:41 – Baptized believers in Jesus.*
2. What does a church gathering do? *Acts 2:36-41 – See the Healthy Church markers*
3. When does a church gather? *Acts 2:46, Hebrews 10:24-25 – Regularly*
4. Where does a church gather? *Acts 2:42-47 – They gathered in homes, neighborhoods, and at the Temple (Big church)*
5. Why does the church gather? *1 Corinthians 10:31, Hebrews 10:24-25 – Glorify God.*

GIVE

In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus says...

Read the Story: The Widow Gives, Mark 12:41-44

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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. What should we give to God? *Our money, time, talents and our lives.*
2. Why should we give to God? *2 Corinthians 9:6-7 – God loves a cheerful giver*
3. How do we give to God? *2 Corinthians 9:6-7 – Cheerfully, never under compulsion*
Matthew 6:1-4 – Secretly, not for recognition
4. Who do we give to? *Acts 4:34-35 – The church gave to all who had need.*



LORD'S SUPPER

In Luke 22:19-20, Jesus says...

Read the Story: Jesus' Last Supper – Luke 22:7-20

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EXPLORE MORE (OPTIONAL):

1. What is the Lord's Supper? *1 Corinthians 11:26 – A symbol of the Lord's death.*
2. Why do we eat the Lord's Supper? *1 Corinthians 11:26 – Jesus' body and his blood was sacrificed for us.*
3. How do we receive the Lord's Supper? *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
We must examine ourselves, confess our sins to God and remember Jesus dies to give us forgiveness.
4. Who should receive the Lord's Supper? *Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
Disciples devoted to Jesus