Faith at Home

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11

Memory Verse ~ Romans 5:8: God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Memory Verse for Mother's Day ~ Exodus 20:12: "Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long in the land, that the Lord you God is giving you."

Theme of the story: God is the God of all, not just for the Jewish people but also the gentiles. Jesus died for all people, no matter what we have done or will do. God cares for us and wants us to care for one another. The good news of the Gospel is not exclusive, but something that everyone should know about and benefit from understanding. We as Christians should value all people as made in God's image.

Retelling For Young People

God is a father and a mother. God loves all people no matter what we do, just like a mother loves her children. When we do something mean, our mothers feel bad. We make our mother happy when we are kind and nice to others. God wants us to be nice to everyone, not just other people who believe like us.

Family discussion: Whenever Mother's Day comes around, we take time to think of all that our mothers have done for us, and to appreciate and thank our moms with expressions of love. What special things does your mother do? What can you do to show her that you love her?

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Moms of the Bible

Try to name as many mothers that you can from the Bible (Mary, Elizabeth, Eve, Sarah, Naomi, Hannah, etc.) How about the Pharaoh's daughter who adopted Moses? What do we know about these mothers?

craft

Helping Hearts Wreath

You will need: glue and/or tape, construction paper, scissors, markers or crayons, paper plate

1. Cut several hearts out of paper, making different colors and sizes.

2. On each heart, write an idea of an action that will demonstrate love for God and others. For example: pray, give a hug, smile, hold a door open for someone, clean my room. Be creative with your ideas.

- 3. Glue or tape the hearts around the plate to create a "wreath."
- 4. If desired, attach a string or pipe cleaner to hang as decoration.

Family Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for loving me more than I could ever imagine. Help me to spread the word about your love to everyone I meet. Amen.

