

# God Loves My Family

Children often do not understand that all families are not the same as theirs. This lesson is offered to help talk about how God created families so that we could love each other, and take care of each other. In families parents and children have different roles. Everyone in a family is important. This lesson helps children think about who is in their family and what our responsibilities are to each other. Let the children know that God loves all the members of their family and that it is good for us to love our family members too.

**Major Points:** God knows and loves our family members. Children are a gift from God. Children are to obey their parents. Parents are to love their children and take care of them

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 127:3 Children are a gift from God

**Lesson:** Bible Story: Abraham, Sarah and Isaac Many years ago there lived a man named Abraham and his wife Sarah. Abraham and Sarah had been married a long, long time, but they had never had any children. One day God promised Abraham and Sarah a son, even though they were very old. (Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90!!) Although it seemed impossible, Abraham believed what God had promised! Not long afterwards, baby Isaac was born! God had blessed all of them!

## God knows and loves our family members.

- The story of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac is about a family.
- Who is in our family? (Wait for answers.)
- Does God know who we are? (Yes!)
- Does God know who our family members are? (Yes!)
- Does God care about us? (Yes!)
- And God cares about all the members of our family!
- God loves us and all our family!

## Children are a gift from God.

- The Bible tells us that God made families and that God gives us children, just like God gave Abraham and Sarah a son. (Isaac)
- The Bible says that “Children are a gift from God!” Did you ever think of yourself as a gift?
- **the Bible says that children are a gift from God.**

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**Parents are to love and care for their children.**

- Parents have a job to do too!
- Parents are to love their children and take care of them.
- This is another reason God made families!

**Let's pray and thank God for making families!**

## **Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for making families!

Help us to love everyone in our family!

Amen.

## **Paper Links**

Before class, cut out strips of construction paper 1" wide and 8" long. Allow the children to write the names of your family members on the strips. Make paper chains with the strips of paper by gluing the ends of one together and putting the second strip through the first one before gluing. Glue Sticks work best! (Or you can staple them as well.)