

Activity: Family Reunion Multiple Family Activity



FAMILY TIME
TRAINING

NOTE: This Family Time was written for a Family Reunion in which eight families of parents and children were represented. Most of the participants were Christians but some were not.

Teaching goal: Know whose child you are.

Scripture: 1 John 3:1 "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

2 Timothy 1:5 "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice."

Materials: Flip chart paper
Finger paints
Markers
One Bible for each family

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. **Family is important to God. The Bible is His guide for our life, and in several places God considers it important enough to list the genealogies of different families. Can you think of places in the Bible where a genealogy is listed?** *In Matthew 1: the genealogy of Jesus- Why is this important? OT prophesy said the savior would come from the lineage of David; Genesis 5: genealogy from Adam to Noah; Genesis 46: genealogy of Jacob and his 12 sons.*

B. **Everyone has a diverse collection of characters when looking back at his or her family tree. But we can also see similarities. We can see common character traits, sometimes vocational traits, physical traits and spiritual traits passed from generation to generation.**

C. **ACTIVITY #1: The Begat Game: To test what we know about families in the Bible and to learn more about families in the Bible.**

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Rules:

1. Mix up family groups into teams of four (more or less).
2. If a team chooses to answer the questions without looking in the Bible, then that team earns two points for each correct answer. There may be more than one correct answer to the question.
3. If a child under the age of 15 answers the question without looking in the Bible, then that team earns an extra point ($2 + 1 = 3$). Adults can not give the child the answers to earn the extra point.
4. If a team chooses to guess without looking in the Bible, then they cannot change their minds and ask to look in the Bible for the answer.
5. If the group does not know the answer, then they may ask for the reference verse and receive 1 point for each answer read from the Bible.
6. To start the game, the group with the youngest family member goes first.
7. On a large piece of flip-chart paper, write the numbers of the questions corresponding to the Biblical relationships listed on the answer sheet. List only the numbers, not the names. The family team with the youngest person goes first and picks a number at random off the flip-chart sheet. Once a number is picked, then cross it out, so that it is not used again. Rotate clockwise to the next family team.
8. After each team has had an equal number of turns, (35 divided by the number teams) add up the points to determine the winner (there will be a few numbers not ever selected).

D. ACTIVITY #2: (Use the same family teams as in ACTIVITY #1)

Pass out a piece of paper listing the initials of everyone in the family. You may want to include initials of family members who could not attend the reunion. Ask teams to put together one large "family tree" using the initials and keeping family units together on the tree. Start from the oldest family groups at the top (like great-grandparents) to the youngest family groups at the bottom (like grandchildren with families). On each level where there is more than one family unit, (such as three children who now have children) put the oldest family on the left and move to the youngest family on the right. Within the family groups, list members from oldest on the top to youngest on bottom.

Use the attached example and make sure the teams understand the directions.

Check the team results against a master list to see which team had the most initials listed correctly.

E. ACTIVITY #3: A Family Hand Tree

Tape together nine large pieces of flip chart paper. Using a pencil, trace a tree trunk and one branch for each family group. Kids can help finger paint the trunk and branches of the tree. Organize the branches so that great grandparents are on top and the grandchildren or great grandchildren and their families are on the bottom branches. During the reunion, have families come as family units so that each family member gets to dip his or her hand in a pie pan containing finger paint and add to the cluster of hand prints for each family around the appropriate branch. Use a variety of colors. Tape the family tree of handprints on a wall and take a picture for the family reunion under the painted tree.

V. Memorize:

**Families are important to God's heart,
In our families, we each play a special part.**

VI. Close in Prayer

VII. Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.

Biblical Family Relationships

The Begat Game Family Time

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| 1. | Son of Hacaliah (Nehemiah 1:1) | Nehemiah
Hanani |
| 2. | Sons of Adam and Eve (Gen 4:1,2 & 25) | Cain, Abel, Seth |
| 3. | Cousin of Mordecai (Esther 2:7) | Esther |
| 4. | Son of Enoch (Gen 5:21) | Methuselah |
| 5. | Son of Amoz (Isaiah 1:1) | Isaiah |
| 6. | Son of Lemech (Gen 5:29) | Noah |
| 7. | Son of Hilkiah (Jeremiah 1:1) | Jeremiah |
| 8. | Sons of Noah (Gen 5:32) | Shem, Ham and
Japeth |
| 9. | Son of Beerli (Hosea 1:1) | Hosea |
| 10. | Son of Terah (Gen 11:26) | Abram or
Abraham |
| 11. | Son of Hosea and Gomer (Hosea 1:4) | Jezreel,
Lo-Ruhamah,
Lo-Ammi |
| 12. | Son of Abraham and Sarah (Gen 21:5) | Isaac |
| 13. | Son of Pethuel (Joel 1:1) | Joel |
| 14. | Son of Abraham and Hagar (Gen 16:16) | Ishmael |

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| 15. | Son of Amittai (Jonah 1:1) | Jonah |
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| 16. | Sons of Isaac and Rebekah (Gen 25:25,26) | Esau and Jacob |
| 17. | Son of Mary and Joseph (Matthew 1:18) | Jesus and John |
| 18. | Sons of Jacob and Leah (Gen 29: 31 to 30:19) | Reuben, Simeon,
Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Zebulun |
| 19. | Daughter of Jacob and Leah (Gen 30:21) | Dinah |
| 20. | Brother of Andrew (Matthew 4:18) | Peter |
| 21. | Sons of Jacob and Rachel (Gen 30:24) | Joseph and
Benjamin |
| 22. | Brother of James (Matthew 10:2) | John |
| 23. | Sons of Amram and Jochebed (Ex. 6:20) | Moses and Arron |
| 24. | Herod's brother Philip's wife (Matthew 14:3) | Herodias |
| 25. | Son of Nun (Joshua 1:1) | Joshua |
| 26. | Sons of Zebedee (Matthew 4:21) | James and John |
| 27. | Son of Manoah (Judges 13:24) | Samson |
| 28. | Son of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:13) | John the Baptist |
| 29. | Wife of Boaz (Ruth 4:13) | Ruth |
| 30. | Sons of Saul (I Chronicles 9:39) | Jonathan,
Malki-shua
Abinadab,
Esh-baal |
| 31. | Daughter of David and Maacah (2 Sam. 13:1) | Tamar |
| 32. | Brother of Mary and Martha (John 11:2) | Lazarus |

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| 33. | Son of David and Maacah (2 Sam. 3:2) | Absalom |
| 34. | Wife of Ananias (Acts 5:1) | Sapphira |
| 35. | David and Bathsheba (2 Sam. 12:24,
1 Chron. 3:5) | Solomon,
Shammua
Shobab, Nathan |
| 36. | Mother was a Christian Jewess and father
was a Greek (Acts 16:1) | Timothy |
| 37. | Wife of Aquila (Acts 18:2) | Priscilla |
| 38. | Paul's son in chains (Philemon 1: 10) | Onesimus |

Family Reunion
Initials Game
Family Time

(oldest to youngest)

____(Great Grandmother)____

_____(Grandparents)_____ _____(Grandparents)

oldest

(Grandchildren)

(Grandchildren)

(Great Grandchildren)

(Great Grandchildren)

to

youngest

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