

3 WEEKS

FOR

SIOUXLAND

FAMILY STUDY GUIDE



Hey, Families!

Enjoy this family study guide as a supplement to the current sermon series. Our prayer is that it stirs up meaningful conversation with your kids. Get them involved as much as possible. Encourage kids (big and little) to read what they can, participate and have fun as a family!

The greatest spiritual influence will always be you. We are FOR you!

Sunnybrook Family Ministry Team



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WEEK 1

Kicking it Off:

If someone gave you \$100 right now, what would you buy?

Big Idea:

If you have a little or a lot—just give!

Key Scripture:

LUKE 21:1-4

Story of the Widow's Offering

What did people put in the treasury/collection box? (money) What was Jesus doing? (He was watching people put money in the treasury.) Who did Jesus say gave the most? (The poor widow woman gave the most.) Do your kids know what "widow" means? Do they know a widow? Why didn't Jesus think the rich people gave a lot? (He knew they had kept a lot for themselves even after they gave.) How could the smallest amount of money the poor woman gave be considered A LOT? (She had the least amount to start with, and she

gave all she had.)

In this story, the other people didn't notice the poor woman because she gave so little. But Jesus knew the true value of how much the poor woman had given, and he said it was A LOT. When we give, whether we think it's a little or a lot, Jesus knows, and it matters to him. To Jesus, generosity is more about what's in your heart than how much you give. Jesus wants us to not be selfish, but to always be looking for ways we can give to others. Whether you have a little or a lot, you can have a heart that's generous.



Family Activity:

Brainstorm ways to be generous with an item. (Give kids think time before making suggestions.)

Money (Buy a treat for a friend who is sad or having a bad day.)

Toys you don't use a lot (Give them to someone who doesn't have a lot of toys.)

Cookie or snack (Share with someone at school that doesn't have one.)

Pencil or pen (Share with a friend that broke hers.)

Clothes that don't fit anymore (Give them to someone smaller than you.)

Food (You could invite someone over for dinner or make a meal for someone who is sick and take it to them.)

All the things we just talked about seem small, but we can still use them in generous ways, just like the woman in the Bible. God just wants us to use what we have. If you have a little or if you have a lot, just

give. The amount doesn't matter! What's important is that you give.

Talk to God: Dear God, thank you for every good thing you give to us. Help us to have a heart of generosity and give and share what we have with others even when we don't have a lot. We love you. Amen.





_____ Family
(Your Name)

List of ways to be generous

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WEEK 2

Kicking it Off:

If you could change one of our family rules, what would it be?

Big Idea:

Serve when you see a need.

Key Scripture:

PROVERBS 3:27

“Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it.”

Talk About it Together:

Who has served you and how did they help?

How did it feel?

Who are people around you that could use help?

Think about needs in our house, neighborhood, school, or work.

How could you serve someone and meet a need?

Proverbs tells us to do good (serve) whenever we possibly can. In other words, don't serve just when you feel like it, not just when it's your mess—help whenever there is a need, even if no one is looking. As

followers of Jesus, we want to see needs around us and then do something about it. When we help and serve others, we're showing them how important they are to us and loving them the way Jesus does.

Secret Mission Challenge:

Look for a way to secretly serve someone and leave a “YOU GOT SERVED” note behind! (Example: make your sister's bed, fold the laundry for Dad, make brownies for Mom...and leave a note for them to find!)





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Activity: Brainstorm ways your family could serve together. Take a vote and commit to doing at least one of them.

Suggestions:

- Instead of eating out, donate a restaurant gift card to a family who is experiencing grief at church. (Drop gift card off to Ruth in church office.)
- Take a donation to the Hope Center.

Talk to God: Everyone think of someone they can serve this week. Let's start by praying silently for that person. God, give us the courage this week to serve when we see a need. Help us to show love to the person that we prayed for. We want to be a family who looks for ways to serve just like Jesus. AMEN!



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WEEK 3

Kicking it Off:

What makes you feel loved?
Why is it important to show love to others? (It shows others that we love God and that God loves them!)

Big Idea:

Show love to others.

Key Scripture:

LUKE 10:25-37
The Good Samaritan

Talk About it Together:

The good Samaritan stopped to help a stranger. How can you show love to someone that you don't even know? Love requires ACTION. Let's use our hands to show people love! We can use them to help someone, hug someone, or be a good friend to someone!

What are some ways that you can show love to others at school? (Let someone borrow a pencil.)
At home? (Help someone with a chore.)
In your neighborhood? (Walk

your neighbor's trash can back to their house.)
At the grocery store? (Return someone's empty shopping cart for them.)

When we show love to others, we put others ahead of ourselves. Sometimes people call it "racing to the back of the line." Would you be willing to go to the back of the lunch line every day this week?

Sometimes showing love to others has to do with the words that we use. Who can you compliment this week? Who can you encourage? Who can you compliment on a good job or give a high five? (Ex.: my teacher, the lunchroom worker, my friend that struggles at math, my friend on the basketball team)



Family Game: Play LOVE IN ACTION charades

Take turns acting out a different way to show others love

- Hugging someone
 - Letting someone go first
 - Telling someone you love them
 - Cheering for a teammate
 - Writing someone a card
 - Calling someone on the phone to say hi
 - Holding the door open for someone
 - High fiving someone
 - Baking for someone
 - Patting someone on the back
- When we choose to show love to others, we're also showing God we love him! It's not always easy, but when you show love to others, God knows. And it's a VERY big deal to him!


Talk to God: Dear God, thank you for loving us. We want to show love to others so they can see how much YOU love them too. Thank you for going out of your way to show love to us. Help us to go out of our way to show love to others this week—even to people we don't know Please help us do that. We love you. AMEN!



Draw or write ways to show love



S'MORE



PATIENCE FAMILY NIGHT

What you'll need:

- Ice Cubes
- Ingredients for S'mores
- A microwave or firepit

PLAY: "Don't Melt the Ice"

Have your family stand in a circle. Player 1 takes an ice cube and holds it until they come up with an answer to the Round 1 question below. Once the player says an answer they can pass the ice to the person on their left. Keep answering and passing as fast as you can-and no repeat answers. The player holding the ice when it melts loses the round. Take another ice cube for Round 2 and do it again!

ROUND 1: WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS HARD TO WAIT FOR? (for your sister to finish her storydinner to be done devices to charge)

ROUND 2: WHAT DOES BEING IMPATIENT LOOK LIKE? (eye-rolling foot tapping complaining etc)

Note: For younger players you may need to team up with

someone older. You hold the ice and they come up with the answers!

MAKE: S'MORES!

Now let's warm up those icy hands by taking the party outside to the firepit or inside to the microwavelt's time to MAKE S'MORES!!

TALK: AS A FAMILY

While you eat, answer these questions together:

1. On a scale of 1-10 how patient do you think we are as a family?
2. When is it hardest for you to be patient?
3. What are some ways we can live out this verse as a family?

Read this outloud: "Don't be proud at all. Be completely gentle. Be patient. Put up with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2

PRAY: TOGETHER

End by circling up and praying together. Ask God to help you love each other better with patience each day!

Patience is a virtue and when you're in a family, we all need... "S'MORE" of it!



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