

Family Devotional

From June 26, 2016

Sing: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" together as a group.

Read & Reflect: Ephesians 2:12-22

These verses talk about two groups of people who, even though they both loved Jesus, thought that they were right and the other group was wrong. This kind of thinking is not what Jesus wants for his children. Instead, he wants us to know that if he is our solid foundation, then all of our differences can be overcome.

Read: Galatians 3:26-29

Think of someone you have a hard time getting along with. You can share or just think about these next questions-

- Why do you have a hard time getting along with them?
- Why does that annoy you so much?
- Is it wrong or just different from you?
- What is one way you could show love to this person?

Challenge: Every day this week take time to pray for the person you thought of. Ask Jesus to help you see them with his eyes. Then, if you can, try to spend a little more time with them than usual. Try to get to know them better. Usually the better we know someone the more we understand who they are and why they do the things they do.

We cannot control how the other person will respond, but we can choose how we respond. Let us always act and react out of Christ's love.

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on Colossians 3:14 this week.

*"And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond:

"Dear God, thank you for showing us perfect unity in how you love us. Help us to love others with your love and not let anything build walls to divide us, especially with your children..... Amen!"