



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

The "Look-On-the-Inside" Church

Take Home Point:

Don't put on an act to look good; do good for Jesus!

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: How are super "cool" Christians like a popsicle? *(They are the same on the outside as they are on the inside.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: *Snack Option 1:* Cup cakes or pastries with crème filling. *Snack Option 2:* Mystery Snack! Set out three spoons, each with a glob of peanut butter. Hide something inside the peanut butter on each spoon: Inside one, have something good like a chocolate chip. Inside another, hide something yucky like a bit of onion. The last might have a raisin, a vegetable chunk, or whatever you choose. Let family members each choose a mystery spoon.

Then, discuss your snack experience. "Have you ever taken a bite out of something before you knew what was on the inside?" Talk about it. "Have you ever poked through chocolate covered candies to see what the filling was?" What is on the inside matters. It matters also with people. We want to not just look good on the outside, but we want our hearts to be right with God.

READ THE BIBLE: Acts 5:1-11

KEY VERSE: 1 Samuel 16:7 *"Humans look at outward appearances, but the LORD looks into the heart."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What did Ananias and Sapphira do that was good? *(Acts 5:1. They sold their property and gave most of the money to the apostles to help people who didn't have much.)* What did they do that was not good? *(Acts 5:2 They kept some of the money back.)* What happened to them? *(Acts 5:5,10. They both dropped dead.)* What do you think the people saw on the outside and what do you think God saw on the inside? *(People saw them giving lots of money. God saw their hearts and they were not giving the money because of their love for God. They were lying about their gift and giving their money just so they could look real religious.)*

Tell about a time you were at church but you didn't feel like it, and your heart was yucky toward others or God. How can you change that when it happens?

PRAYER POWER: Pray that God would motivate your hearts to do kind things for others because you love him. Pray that the Holy Spirit would show you if you are only trying to look good on the outside.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Draw names amongst family members for secret blessings. See if you can do special blessings or favors for the one you drew without that person finding out who did it. You are not doing it for outward show or recognition. You are doing it because in your heart you love that person. You do good things for another because you love Jesus.

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