



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Accepting Others

Take Home Point:

God accepts us because of Jesus; we can accept others.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What happened to the list of annoying things people do when you looked at them through yellow "glasses"? What did you see instead? (*It disappeared. The cross.*) How is this like how God see you and me? (*He sees us through the cross of Jesus and no longer sees the annoying things (sin) we do.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Begin with lemon juice. Offer each person a small taste of lemon juice on a spoon while they complete the next response. "Sometimes there is a habit or behavior that another person in the family does that annoys us. It's like this lemon that makes us pucker. Each person can share what that is...but do it in a nice way." After all have shared, pour some of the lemon juice in sugar water. Offer all a taste of lemonade. Say: "A family learns to love and accept one another, even if there are things that annoy them. When we have God's love and acceptance in our family, it is like the sugar water that helps the lemon juice change to lemonade. We can better accept each other, even when there are things that annoy us."

READ THE BIBLE: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:19b, "*He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships (acceptance) to tell others.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: Do you think you have ever annoyed God? We do more than annoy God. Sin is an insult to God. Did he reject us? No, he looks at us a different way. God has provided a way to look at you and not let the annoying things that you do separate you from him. Who can tell me how he did this? (*2 Corinthians 5:21. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again.*)

If we have faith in Jesus, when God looks at us, he sees the finished work of the cross. Can we look at people this way, too? Can we look at them the way God looks at them? We can see them as people who God loves, too. We can be messengers for God to help them feel accepted by us and others. What are some good things about people you sometimes might find annoying?

PRAYER POWER: Pray for forgiveness for things done that may have annoyed God (our sins). Thank God that because Jesus was perfect and gave his life for our sins, our sins are taken away. God doesn't see our sin anymore, he sees us in a different way, like looking at us with special glasses that make all the annoying things disappear. Pray to see others the same way.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

If the opening activity worked for your family, then keep some lemonade on hand. When a family member has a hard time forgiving and accepting another person let someone offer them some lemonade.

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