

# Adventures with GOD!

## GOD GAVE ME A FAMILY (A.1.Spring.6)

Biblical Reference	John 1:40-41
Key Verse	1 John 2:10
Key Concept	I can love each person in my family with the love God gave me.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name and describe their siblings, giving thanks to God for them</li> <li>2. Explain how we should act in our families</li> <li>3. Say the Bible verse by memory</li> </ol>

### Life Application

Many times family life is one of conflict. In almost all families there are difficult situations that arise between siblings. The Bible tells us to love our family as a way of showing we live in God's light. This week we will challenge the children to ask for and give forgiveness when needed with their siblings.

### Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Prep before class		1 minute
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Story	3 actors and typical clothing	15 minutes
Dialogue		5 minutes
Craft	Materials used in the past weeks	15 minutes
Activity		10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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## INSTRUCTIONS

**Before class:** Many times children arrive early, before class is scheduled to begin. It's important to have activities that they can do while they wait for their other friends. Maybe you can have the puzzle out that they did in the past weeks. You can also have them review the key Bible verses. Take advantage of this time to talk with them and get to know them better.

### Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

**Prayer:** God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

**Bible Story:** Find some people who can help tell the story of Andrew and Peter, using drama. It is a story where one brother goes to find another brother to take him to meet Jesus. Then, if there's time have the children act it out. You can also use puppets to tell the story if you prefer. Read the story in the Bible, but also tell it in your own words. There are some ideas in the appendix.

**Dialogue:** Let each child describe their siblings. What are they like? What do they look like? Do they live in the same house? Who is older? How many brothers and sisters do they have? Help even the most timid children be able to talk about their families. Talk about how we show our siblings and other people in our family love. Talk about how we forgive each other and ask for forgiveness.

**Craft:** The children can make a family picture or portrait. Use the resources available in the following pages. Have them draw their family or use the cut-out images you provide. Give each child white paper to work with.

**Activity:** In preparation for the class, put together different images or pictures that show it looks like to show love for one another. If you aren't an artist then find pictures from magazines or ask someone from your church who is an artist to help you. Have the children explain how the people in the picture are showing love for each other.

**Closing Prayer:** Spend time giving thanks for your families, and asking God to forgive us if we have said hurtful things or showed unkind behavior. Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

**Prayer:** Thank you God for loving us, Thank you God for sending your son Jesus into the world.

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## CRAFT

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Materials: white paper, glue, cut out images from below.

Instructions:

1. Each child will receive a piece of white paper.
2. Enlarge the images below and cut out a bunch of different hair, faces, mustaches, etc. Put them on the table and have the children choose which ones they want to use to make their family portrait.

