

OUR FAMILY PLAN	
This week we can serve others by	
This week we can pray for these following families	
This week we can have fun as a family by	
This week we can grow closer to God by	
This week the kids can help parents by	
This week parents can help the kids by	
Other suggestions	

BE LIKE JESUS



Jesus died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.
~ 2 Corinthians 5:15

THEME: GROW IN JESUS

MONDAY

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Mason Crosby was 6 years old when he went into foster care. His mother had died suddenly, and his dad had many problems. For almost four years, he was in one foster home after another. It was not an easy life. Sure, he was with caring families, but he had no one around that he could call "Mom and Dad."

Then, one day, it happened. The Sampsell family wanted to adopt Mason. Over the next 6 months, he met with this family many times—going out to eat, playing ball, and spending the night a few times. Soon, this loving family officially adopted him, and Mason Crosby became Mason Sampsell.

When we accept Jesus into our hearts, something similar happens. We get a new identity. We become known as Christians and should start living our lives in a whole new way.

1. What do you think life would be like without a Mom or Dad to love and care for you?
2. What do you think our Bible verse for today means?
3. What should change after you become part of Jesus' family?
4. Who do you know that is NOT part of Jesus' family? List three to five people below:

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank God for adopting you into His family
- ◆ Pray for those you listed under #4

Be sure to go to the back of this booklet to formulate a family plan for the week

SATURDAY

READ: Romans 8:14,15

Have you ever eaten at a Wendy's restaurant? Did you know that there are 6700 Wendy's restaurants in the United States? That's a lot! Did you also know that Wendy's was started by a man who was adopted. Yes, that's right, Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's, was adopted. Because he was adopted and saved from a very bad situation, he was able to do great things. In fact, he not only opened many restaurants, but also started a program to help children who need to be adopted. And this program has helped nearly 4000 kids get adopted!

Just as Dave was adopted and able to do great things, so God has adopted us so that we can also do great things. You are part of God's family! God is your Father! And with God as your Father, anything is possible!

1. What is your favorite restaurant to eat at? Why is it your favorite?
2. How cool is it to know that, if you have accepted Jesus, you are adopted by God?
3. What are some things that your family can do to help others?
4. Talk with your family about how you can help find homes for kids who need to be adopted:

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank God for being able to call Him Father.
- ◆ Ask God to help the 135,000 kids who need to be adopted find homes

FRIDAY

READ: Colossians 3:1-4

When Johnny was 10, he loved to hang out with his dad—playing ball, playing video games, or cuddled up on the sofa next to him watching the Phillies beat the Braves. But by the time Johnny turned 14, he didn't like to hang out with his dad as much. He would ask his dad to drop him off around the corner from school instead of right in front of the school. If they went to the mall, he would ask to walk around by himself so he wouldn't be seen with his dad. And Johnny also started asking his dad to NOT come to his baseball games. This made Johnny's dad a bit sad because it seemed his teenage son didn't want to be seen with him anymore.

Likewise, I think we can make God feel sad when we don't want to act like Christians in front our friends or classmates. Instead, we pretend like we don't know Jesus.

1. What are the favorite things you like to do with your parents?
2. Do you sometimes feel embarrassed to be like Jesus around your friends or at school?
3. Why is it important that we always work to live for Jesus?
4. What can help you always remember to live for Jesus?

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank Jesus for loving you and dying for you
- ◆ Ask God to help you ALWAYS live for Jesus and never ever stop

TUESDAY

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:15

The Smith's had an old and small TV in their living room that did not work very well. One day, a neighbor saw this poor little TV and promised to get the Smith's a new one the next week. When next week came, Bobby (age 7) and Susie (age 9) were happy to see something gift-wrapped in their living room. They knew it had to be that new TV, so they quickly tore off the wrapping paper just to find that it was their same old TV—only it had been painted white by their neighbor!

The Smith's complained to their neighbor about this, but he told them that it IS new because it LOOKS different on the outside. The Smith's were not very happy about this and tried to explain to their neighbor that just because something looks different on the outside that doesn't make it "new."

1. What would you think if one of your neighbors did this to your family?
2. Sometimes, when people accept Jesus, they just work real hard to make the outside look good without letting Jesus change the inside—how is that like painting an old TV white?
3. What does our Bible verse say about this?
4. How are you doing at letting Jesus change you on the inside?

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank Jesus that He can do great things in you
- ◆ Talk to God about something that needs to change in your life

WEDNESDAY

READ: Galatians 2:19,20

When my son, Kyle, was younger, we used to play the Nintendo game *Super Mario Brothers 3* together. In this game, two players can work together to beat levels and save the princess. The only problem with this game is that each player only gets a couple lives. Many times, Kyle would run out of lives to play, and I would be playing by myself. Trying to be a good dad, I would give Kyle my controller and tell him that he could use my lives.

Doing that, I was reminded that this is what Jesus wants us to do with Him. He wants us to hand over the controller for our lives and say to Jesus, "Here Jesus, you can use my life."

1. What is your favorite game (or video game)? Why is it your favorite?
2. What does our Bible verse say about who should be living our lives?
3. Have you given Jesus the controller for your life?
4. Why is it important that you let Jesus have control of your life?

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank Jesus that He died for your sins and made a way for you to have eternal life
- ◆ Tell Jesus that He can have control of your life and use you to do great things for Him

THURSDAY

READ: Matthew 7:15-20



Can you identify the fruits above? It should be pretty easy. Fruits are very recognizable by their shape and their color. You don't even have to taste it and you can know what it is just by looking at it.

Though if you were blindfolded, you should still be able to tell what kind of fruit something is by the taste because each fruit has its own kind of taste.

Similarly, people should be able to identify you as a Christian by how you speak, act, and live your life. They should see good things in you, hear good things from you, and see Jesus in your life.

1. What is your favorite fruit? What fruit do you NOT like?
2. How does Jesus say we can tell what people are like?
3. Is there good fruit coming from your life?
4. What areas need some help?

PRAYER

- ◆ Thank God for being able to help you produce good fruit
- ◆ Ask God to help you in your weak areas