

Seeing Family as God Sees (Matthew 12:46-50, Genesis 1-2, Etc.)

Eyes on the Eternal- May 11, 2025

Are you seeing family as God sees?

While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. Matthew 12:46 NKJV

Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." Matthew 12:47 NKJV

But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" Matthew 12:48 NKJV

And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! Matthew 12:49 NKJV

God created family

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27 NKJV

And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Genesis 2:18 NKJV

2 Billion Physical Families

Our physical families are important to God

Jesus had a family

Jesus' family wasn't perfect

Jesus cared for His family

1 Corinthians 7, Ephesians 5-6, 1 Timothy 5

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And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! Matthew 12:49 NKJV

For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." Matthew 12:50 NKJV

Jesus said your real family – your eternal family – is your spiritual family

There are two spiritual families in the world (John 8:44, 1:12-13)

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, Ephesians 2:19 NKJV

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8 NKJV

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 1 Peter 3:8 NKJV

Past Messages:

- [Jesus in your Church – Colossians 3:13-17](#)
- [Jesus in your Home – Colossians 3:18-21](#)
- [Jesus in your School/Work – Colossians 3:22-4:1](#)

This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

May 11– Rom 7, Family Focus –Rom 7:15-25

May 12– Gen 15, Family Focus – Gen 15:1-6

May 13– Reflection & Prayer

May 14– Rom 8, Family Focus –Rom 8:1-8

May 15 – Rom 9, Family Focus –Rom 9:14-24

May 16 – Rom 10, Family Focus –Rom 10:8-16

May 17 – Rom 11, Family Focus –Rom 11:33-36

May 11

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NURSERY

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S BOOK

In this series, we will learn that the Bible is God's book that He has given to us because He loves us. We will learn the story of Josiah finding God's word in the run-down temple.

Memory Verse: "The Bible is God's Book" 2 Timothy 3:16

Heart of the Lesson: I am Thankful God Gave Us the Bible

Parent Connect: We have been learning about how God gave us the Bible. Does your toddler have a bible of his/her own? If not, consider buying an age-appropriate Bible and beginning a routine of reading from regularly. Some people read with their kids at night before bed, others read together in the mornings while eating breakfast. What works for you family?

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PENTECOST, PETER AND PAUL

In this series we will learn about the miracle of Pentecost and the journeys of Peter and Paul as they travel to tell everyone about Jesus! Peter and Paul both experienced different journeys and different ways that they could tell others about Jesus!

Memory Verse: Mark 16:15 "And then He told them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.'"

Heart of the Lesson: Peter Escapes Herod's Prison | Acts 12:1-1

Parent Connect: Today we learned about how God hears our prayers! God heard Peter's prayers from jail and an angel of the Lord helped Peter escape! Make a yummy snack with a graham cracker, icing and pretzel sticks for the jail. Then add a gummy bear for Peter! Have fun acting out the story and eating your yummy snack!

ELEMENTARY

DESCENDANTS

EXPLORING OUR CONNECTION TO ABRAHAM



"Descendants" explores our connection to Abraham, revealing how Christians are part of his spiritual family. Through engaging stories and lessons, kids will discover the power of God's promises and learn how He faithfully keeps them. Join us as we journey through faith and uncover our incredible heritage as descendants of Abraham.

Memory Verse: Genesis 26:4 "I will cause your descendants to become as numerous as the stars of the sky, and I will give them all these lands. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed."

Heart of the Lesson: Wait For It | Genesis 16

Parent Connect: Set up a camera and put a treat in front of your kid and tell them they can have the treat when you come back into the room, but only once you come back. Leave the room for 1-2 minutes and see if your kid

can be patient enough to wait for their treat. Talk about how we have to be patient sometimes to receive the good things God wants for us.

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EYES
ON THE ETERNAL

We are always looking around us. We can't help it. We see our lives and the lives of our friends and family around us. We know how our parents see us, how our teachers see us and how we see others. We don't often stop to look at how God sees us, sees our family, see our resources or success. We also don't always view these things in light of eternity. This month we will challenge ourselves to see things the way that God sees them as we keep our Eyes on the Eternal.

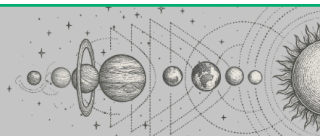
Memory Verse: "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." Isaiah 55:8

Heart of the Lesson: Seeing Family as God Sees – God sees our physical and spiritual families as important and a place of belonging (Ephesians 6:1-4, Ephesians 2:19, Psalm 68:5-6)

Parent Connect: Take time as a family to look at pictures of grandparents, extended family and talk about how your family is gift from God. If you have family members that haven't given their life to Jesus take a moment to pray for them.

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

EYES ON THE ETERNAL



If we want to see the world the way God sees it, we need to understand God's eternal perspective! We can understand God's perspective on things that are important to us by looking at what God's Word, the Bible says. This series, we're learning to have our eyes on the eternal things by taking time to understand how God sees the things in our own lives!

Memory Verse: "Think about things that are in heaven. Don't think about things that are only on earth. (Colossians 3:2 NIRV)