



Family + Faith Session

Preparation

KERYGMA

Adapt the plan for your group as needed. There are several activities to choose from. Doing this entire plan takes 70- 100 minutes, plus time for refreshments and fellowship. If you have less time than that, select the activities that are most appropriate for your families.

1. Fellowship and Refreshments – before the session, as a break in the middle, or at the end **(15 minutes)**
2. Welcome and Ice Breaker **(9 minutes)**
3. Opening Prayer **(2 minutes)**
4. God Loves You
 - a) My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased **(6 minutes)**
 - b) Letter- our family pleases God **(6-8 minutes)**
5. Kerygma/Salvation History unfolding activity **(7 – 40 minutes)**
 - a) Scripture
 - b) Discussion
6. How does that change my life? **(7 minutes)**
 - a) Sin and forgiveness/ Mercy
7. How do I live because of the kerygma?
 - a) Elevator Speech **(12 minutes)**
 - b) Woven Heart Pockets **(12 minutes)**
8. Extending the Activity – Sacramentals at Home **(6-8 minutes)**

Invite families to attend this celebration as a family, parents, children of all ages, and even grandparents are invited and welcome. Arrange for a room where they can all be seated at tables. It is fine, and even preferred, if tables are large enough to seat two families.

Adapt the **slideshow**, or make your own, to clarify directions and enhance the lessons, including only slides to accompany the options you choose.

Arrange for simple **refreshments** prior to the activity, for gathering and fellowship.

Make baskets of **supplies**: pens, pencils, crayons, markers, and scissors.

Every family needs a **Bible**.

Make **copies**, one per family:

- Icebreaker: Print crosses on ivory cardstock, and cut them out – print one per two families.
- God Loves You: “My beloved child” copies, 3 on a page – one per three people
- Kerygma Unfolding Activity: Print the 8 ½ X 14” 5-column paper
- Elevator Speech: blank paper
- Woven Heart Pockets:
 - o Print heart halves set 1 on various colors, one per 2 families, and print set 2 on various colors, one per two families. Cut them in half lengthwise. Fold each in half so only the printed sides show. Each family needs a numbered piece and a lettered piece, two different colors.
 - o Print the directions.
 - o Print the page of hearts – “Ways I will show God’s love...”

Gather **supplies** as needed, depending on which options you choose:

- God Loves You:
 - o Gather a stack of either plain, unlined paper, various colors, or actual stationery, for families to write letters on – one per family.
 - o Gather envelopes, one per family.