

Feel free to modify, leave out, add, rephrase, whatever you need to do to meet your family where they are, have fun, and spend time with Jesus.

Wednesday Lesson Week #3

Game

Fishbowl: Everyone gets 3 slips of paper. On one slip they write a place, on one a well known person, and on the third a thing. Place all slips of paper in a bowl and divide everyone into two teams with team members sitting every other one. There are 3 rounds, at the end of each round you count up how many slips of paper each team has then place all of the same slips of paper back into the bowl to start a new round. Whichever team has the most points at the end wins

Round 1: Play catchphrase style. Each team member has 1 minute to try and get their team to guess as many slips of paper as they can describe in the time given. They can use any words to describe what is written except the words written on the slip of paper

Round 2: Play charades style. You have the same words you are trying to get your team to guess, but you can only act, no talking at all

Round 3: You can say 1 word. Your team must guess what the clue is from that 1 word

Worship

Hebrews 13:15-16 says,

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise- the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

What is one way your family could “do good” or “share with others” as your worship for this week?

Lesson Time

Remember: *Parables* are short, illustrative stories that use symbols and images to teach a deeper truth.

Remember: *The Kingdom of Heaven* is when people on earth live under the reign of King Jesus.

Read Matthew 22:1-14

Discuss and guess what you think each of these symbolized in the story:

The King--

The King's Son--

The King's Servants--

Those Invited to the Banquet--

The Wedding Banquet--

The bad and good People---

The Wedding Clothes—

Ask:

- What jumped out to you from this story? Was there anything you noticed that you hadn't thought about before?
- What character qualities do you notice in the King?
- If last week's parable was about the Pharisees who had rejected Jesus and at that moment were planning his death, how does this story that Jesus told logically follow after?
- What do you think is the POINT, or points, of this story?

Activity: Have a Dressing Competition. Divide into two teams. Each team must come up with a ridiculous outfit (both teams must have the same number of articles of clothing). Pick a representative from each team. Set a timer. First person from team A races as fast as they can to put on Team B's outfit and then take it completely off again. Record their score. Then have a person from team B race to put on and take off Team A's outfit. Whoever's time is fastest wins!

Debrief: It was customary for wedding guests to be given wedding clothes to wear to the banquet. The King would've given each of his guests a set of clothing when they walked in the door. So it was unthinkable to refuse to wear these clothes. It would insult the host, who could only assume that such guests were arrogant and thought they didn't need these clothes or that they did not want to take part in the wedding celebration. The wedding clothes picture the right relationship with Jesus needed to enter God's kingdom. He graciously clothes every believer with right standing in God's eyes. He provides these clothes of righteousness for everyone, but each person must choose to put them on in order to enter the King's banquet. He extends an open invitation, but we must accept and walk through the door.

Apply!

- In what ways have you seen God inviting all people to his banquet? How have you personally been invited by God?
- Where in your life can you feel like you don't need the "clothes" of Jesus? Take a moment to talk to Jesus in prayer and bring it to him, if you need to, repent.
- Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62CliEkRCso>
- Where is one opportunity for generosity in your life?

Pray

On Sunday Pastor Kurt talked about fasting and the role it played in Jesus' life.

"Fasting reminds us of how desperately we need God for everything. No one likes to be needy, but in our relationship with God, neediness is a good thing. Our neediness honors God when we look to him to fill us with what we are lacking. In other words, admitting our neediness, we acknowledge God's sufficiency" Brock Gill

Spend some time in prayer over this lesson and the idea of fasting. If your family decides to do something, encourage one another and really lean in to see all God has for you!

See attached activity to do with the whole family with the Give it Up Cups!

Give

it

up!

Instructions: Print this page.

1. You will need two large-mouth cups & scissors.
2. Cut labels and tape one to each cup. Cut up the yellow “give it up” suggestions into slips, fold and place in the “give it up” cup.
3. Cut up the green “fill it up” suggestion slips, fold and place in the “fill it up” cup.
4. Each day, draw something out of the “Give it up” cup and lay aside or “fast” from that thing.
5. Also draw one slip from the “fill it up” cup and add that activity to your day.

Fill

it

up!

Give up one hour screen time

Give up one junk food snack

Give up your comfortable bed! Sleep on floor tonight to help identify with those who have no bed

Give up 1 sweet treat

Choose three items from your closet to give away

Give up bickering with a sibling today

Don't insist on having your own way

Give up interrupting others

Give up being first in line

Give up any disrespectful speech to parents

Give up any "mean" words to siblings

Choose one *thing* that means A LOT to you and set it aside for the day

Give up lunch for today

Give up all *extra* drinks by drinking only water today

Do something nice for someone

Set aside some EXTRA money to give as an offering

Say a prayer of confession to the LORD for wrongdoing /sin

Seek forgiveness from someone you have hurt by your actions

Spend time sitting in silence

Write a letter to God

Listen to Christian music

Go for a nature walk

Tell each person in your home something you appreciate about them

Write out a thankful prayer

Help with a chore that is normally done by someone else

Sing a Christian song or hymn

Call an elderly person and say "hello"

Read a Bible passage about Jesus' last days before the cross

Eat a healthy snack with gratefulness

Write about an attribute of God
