

## **Sparklers @Home Session 12**

Hello Sparklers! I hope you enjoyed the Father's Day session last week. This week we are going to be finishing off June with a session about families as a whole. We are going to be busy with two crafts, a story, activity ideas and finishing with a prayer.

### **Craft 1 – picture album**

You will need:

A4 white card

Glue stick

Photo or drawing of your family

Glitter

Stickers

Coloured pens and pencils

1. Cut the A4 card into strips about 9cm wide to use and fold into zig-zag albums.
2. You can then start to draw pictures of members of your family on each side of the album. Photos can be printed off from your computer with help from your parents and made slightly smaller to fit on the strips.

3. You can use your coloured pens and pencils to decorate the borders around your pictures and photos and they can be used to colour in your drawings as well.
4. Now that you have created a lovely photo album you can always see your family members and be reminded how much you love each other.

### Craft 2 – 'family tree'

A4 coloured card for background and handprints

Piece of cardboard

Red paint

A piece of bark or a small stick from your garden or local woods or park

1. Trace each member of the family's handprints on green construction paper. This will only be the people who live in your house with you.
2. Cut the handprints out.



3. Glue some blue construction paper down on top of the cardboard.
4. Glue the handprints down on to the blue construction paper and cardboard. Let each member of the family add their apples using their fingers dipped in red paint onto the green handprints. If you don't have paint at home you could use red paper or white paper coloured in.

5. Glue down the bark or stick to make the trunk and then you're done!

### Story- John 4: 43-54

#### **Jesus Heals an Official's Son**

<sup>43</sup> After the two days he left for Galilee. <sup>44</sup> (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honour in his own country.) <sup>45</sup> When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

<sup>46</sup> Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

<sup>48</sup> "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

<sup>49</sup> The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

<sup>50</sup> "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. <sup>51</sup> While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. <sup>52</sup> When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him."

<sup>53</sup> Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.

<sup>54</sup> This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

### Play activity ideas

- ✚ Duplo or building bricks to create a house for your family to live in.
- ✚ Jigsaw puzzles or threading to help learn about connections.
- ✚ Role play about families at home for the children to have a chance to act out what they see at home.

### Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the lovely families you have given us and how much they love us and help us. Help us to always show them how much we love them. Thank you for the story of Jesus healing the poorly little boy and how much He loves us as family members as well. Please help us all to have a good week until our next Sparklers @Home session.

Amen