

In-Home Discipleship Guide

Our hope is that you would continue to both be discipled, and disciple those around you during these days. Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for the sermon to be delivered via livestream on Sunday. We encourage you to take advantage this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

THEME: What it means to be children of God

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

BIG IDEA: True children of God are those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that he is the one who came by water *and* blood.

SONGS: Click [here](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

TEACHING PASSAGE: 1 John 5:6-12

*See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.*

Discussion Questions:

1. How does John show authority in what he has been teaching, when he writes about the water and blood? (John 19:34-35)
2. What does the Spirit testify to and why should it be believed?
3. In The Old Testament it was important that every charge was confirmed by at least two or three witnesses (Deuteronomy 17:6;19:15). John wanted his readers to understand that he was still abiding by that law by offering three witnesses, who are those witnesses, what do they agree about?
4. If three witnesses were not enough, what authority in verse 9 is a witness that Jesus truly was the Son of God? (Mark 1:10-11)
5. The testimony from verse 11 is that God gave us eternal life through His Son Jesus. How was this accomplished? (Luke 1:31-32, Mark 15:37 and Matthew 28:5-6)
6. What is the clear point in verse 12 that John wants his readers to understand about Jesus? (John 14:6)

Through the summer *Junior high students (JHM)* and *High school students (HSM)* will be continuing primarily through small groups. Small group leaders will reach out to you to keep you informed on what's happening and when. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Ben at btyler@commfell.org

Additional Resources

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⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Activities:

To help demonstrate the meaning of testimony, look around for evidence of someone in your family being obedient. For example, if you require your child to make their bed and you saw them making their bed, that can be the example you use. You can take the family to their bedroom to see the evidence of obedience.

Say: I am a witness to this child's obedience. I am here to "testify" that _____ made their bed today because I saw them do it. Thank you _____ for making your bed. Just like I shared a testimony of _____'s obedience, the Spirit testifies the truth about Jesus being the son of God and offers eternal life to all who believe. A child of God has God's Spirit living in them, always testifying they are a child of God and have eternal life!

Ask:

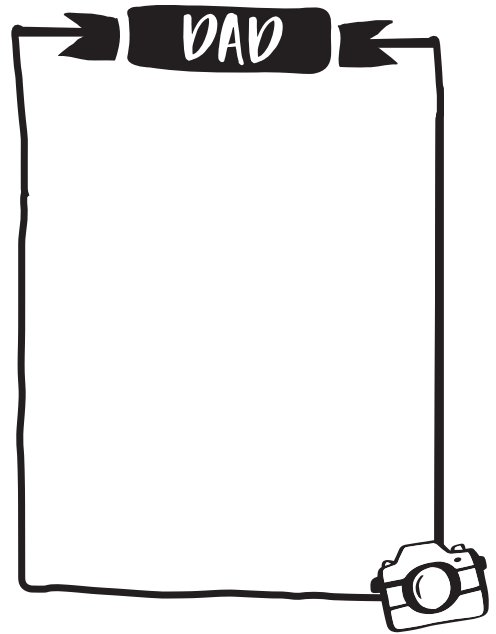
- **Who is a child of God?** (One who believes Jesus is the son of God and gives eternal life.)
- **What did Jesus do for us?** (He died for our sins.)
- **Did Jesus stay dead?** (No, he beat death by rising on the third day.)
- **What does the Spirit of God testify?** (He testifies that Jesus is the son of God and gives eternal life to those who believe.)
- **Who has the Spirit in them?** (A child of God.)

Say: (While pointing to the Bible) This is the testimony of God. We can look inside to find truths about God and his great big story. We can all be part of God's big story as a child of God.

*THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR OWN FAITH STORY WITH YOUR CHILD. IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT ACCEPTED JESUS AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO ASK YOUR CHILD IF THEY ARE READY TO BE A CHILD OF GOD. THEY MAY HAVE QUESTIONS, ANSWER THEM GENTLY AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO ASK MORE. IF THEY ARE READY, HELP LEAD THEM IN PRAYER TO CONFESS THEIR SIN AND NEED JESUS AND THEY WANT TO BE A CHILD OF GOD. GIVE THANKS TO GOD AND MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR! THIS IS A GREAT DAY IN GOD'S BIG STORY! IT IS TIME TO CELEBRATE!

MY DAD ROCKS

MY DAD'S NAME IS _____
I CALL HIM _____ HE IS _____
YEARS OLD AND HIS JOB IS _____



MY DAD 2020

MY DAD LOVES _____
HIS FAVORITE PLACE IS _____
HIS FAVORITE COLOR IS _____
HE MAKES THE BEST _____
HE ALWAYS SAYS _____

DAD & ME

DAD AND I LOVE TO _____ TOGETHER.
I LOVE HELPING DAD WITH _____
I KNOW DAD LOVES ME BECAUSE _____
I LOVE MY DAD BECAUSE _____