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 of 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 compelled to love one another because of Jesus' sacrificial love displayed in the cross.

SONGS: Click here for Sunday's worship set. Be sure to subscribe to our channel!

TEACHING PASSAGE: from Ed Stetzer "Mission"

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

Discussion Questions:

Matthew 28:19-20

- 1. What does it mean to be a missionary, who are some missionaries that you might know? Can you name some of the missionaries that Community Fellowship support?
- 2. What do you think Jesus means in verse 20 "I am with you always, to the end of the age"?
- 3. Do you need to go to a foreign country to be a missionary?
- 4. During this time of shelter in what are some ways you can be a missionary individually, with your small group or as a family?
- 5. How can you encourage those that are missionaries here and around the world?

Junior high students (JHM) and *High school students (HSM)* are taking a break from large group but their leaders will be in contact with them.

Additional Resources

Teaching Passage: from Ed Stetzer: Mission

(*Hold the palms of your hands together like praying hands*) and say," The Bible is God's word, it has 2 big parts."

(*Now open your hands and lift up your left hand while saying*,) "The Old Testament" (*Now lift up your right hand while saying*,) The New Testament.

(*Put your hands back together and open them like a book.*) Say, the Bible tells us of God's love. (*Then hold up 4 fingers on your right hand.*) Say, the first 4 books of the New Testament are called the Gospels. Do you know what the word Gospel means? (Good News, it is the good news of Jesus' love for us.)

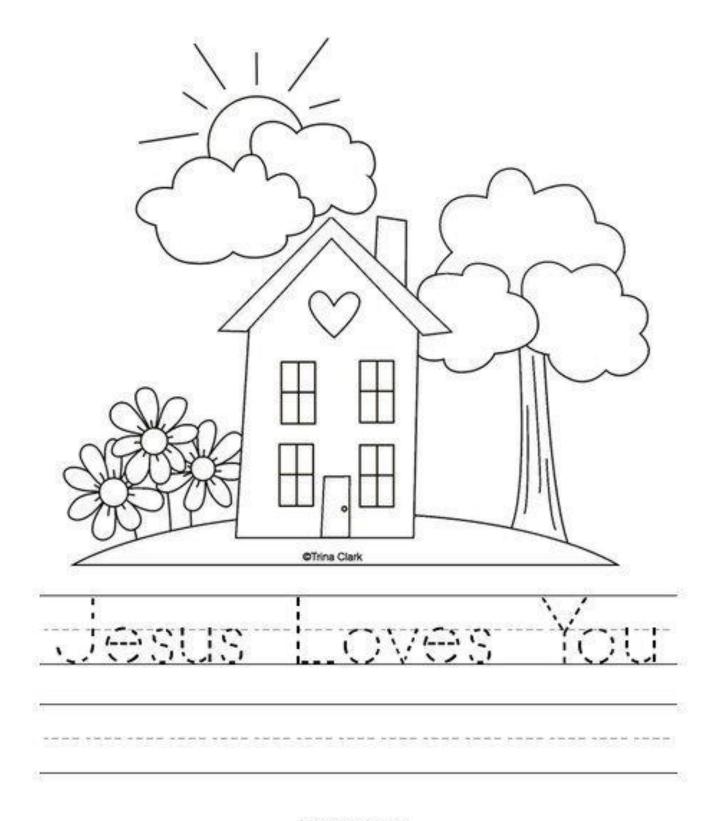
Say: Think of a time you had good news. Did you keep it to yourself? Maybe for a little bit while you thought of the best way to share the good news with others. Good news is meant to be shared.

Brainstorm ways you can encourage your local community with the message of the hope you have through the love of Jesus. How can you share the good news? Remember, you can invite them to virtually attend Community Fellowship on Sundays and be encouraged by our weekly devotions. Here are some other ideas to get you started.

- 1. Make a care package for an elderly neighbor. Include items like adult coloring book, puzzle book, healthy snacks, and a note with a message of love and a homemade card or drawing. Include your contact information.
- 2. Make a fun pack for a child. Include items like bubbles, coloring book, sidewalk chalk, a simple craft, and a note with a message of love.
- 3. Invite a neighbor over for a fun social distancing, outdoor game like chip golf. All you need are whiffle golf balls, a chipping wedge for each player, and designate trees or other objects to be the holes. If chasing a mini-whiffle ball around your yard isn't your game try Frisbee Golf. Set up tomato cages around your yard and insert a dollar store laundry basket in the top. Grab a Frisbee for each player and enjoy a round or two with your neighbor. Be intentional with your time together and let them see evidence of the hope you have in Christ.
- 4. Recycle a can by painting it, add stickers or a ribbon and fill with cut flowers from your yard. Add a note with a message of love and your contact information. Give it to someone that is alone or needs cheering up.
- Support outreach ministries like Harmony Food Pantry, World Relief, and Caring Network. You can go to our website to read more ways to partner with CF. <u>https://commfell.org/outreach/#tab-section-524739</u>

The Appleton family composed a letter for their neighbors inviting them to deliver prayer requests to the Appleton Prayer Box. Check out this video. <u>https://vimeo.com/422873061</u>

What is your family doing to be on mission in the world around you? We want to hear your stories. Send us a video. <u>info@commfell.org</u>



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