

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 grow in their love for God and one another because they've experienced the perfect love of God.

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

TEACHING PASSAGE: 1 John 4:13-21

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

Discussion Questions:

1. John here mentions again that God has given us His Spirit. We read this a couple of weeks ago in 1 John 3:24. How do we know that His Spirit abides in us? Why is this important for Christians?
2. What kind of fear should we have towards God and what kind of fear is extinguished by his love perfected in us?
3. What kind of attitude should we have towards future judgment?
4. John explains throughout 1 John how to spot a liar, or false prophet. Can you name some of those? (1:10, 2:4, 2:22, 4:20)
5. How does this passage, if at all, help us navigate racial tensions continuing to surface through events such as the death of George Floyd, nationwide protesting, rioting, and looting?

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 btlyer@commfell.org

Additional Resources

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¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Activities:

Say: When we accept Jesus as our savior we receive the Spirit of God. God's Holy Spirit lives in us. He helps us when we are weak and scared. He reminds us how much we are loved.

Ask: Can you think of times when you have been scared? Who helped you feel safe?

Say: God often sends others to help us when we are scared.

Ask: Can you think of a time you felt lonely? Who made you feel loved?

Say: Just like the Holy Spirit helps us, we need to help people that don't have the Holy Spirit. We can help them by showing God's love to them and by telling them about Jesus.

Below you will find a game. Print it out and color it. You will need coins for each player and a die. You can personalize the coins by coloring and cutting out a circle to tape onto the coins. Games are often a good way to encourage healthy social skills. This game will help your family think about the love of God and at the end of the game you will have an opportunity to share God's love. Consider taking a picture of your family playing the game and send the picture with a message of God's love to someone. Our family tried this game and we sent a short video telling our uncle, Jesus loves him.

INSTRUCTIONS

You will need a coin for each player and one die. Youngest player rolls the die and move that number of spaces on the board, follow the instructions on that space. The goal is to reach the Post office first. When you reach the Post office contact someone by text, phone, email, social media, or snail mail. Tell them about God's love.

