

In-Home Discipleship Guide

Our hope is that you would continue to both be disciplined, 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: Our birth into God's family is what propels our christian love toward God's family, and the basis our triumph over the powers of this world.

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

TEACHING PASSAGE: 1 John 5:1-5

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

Discussion Questions:

1. What does John now focus on? What does verse 1 tell us about the relationship between loving God and loving others?
2. Who is born of God? What does the word "born" mean?
3. How can you believe? What must happen first? (Ephesians 2:5)
4. Why does John continue to equate love with obedience? How do these two principles together help us be more like Christ? What does this look like in our homes, neighborhoods, and/or work places?
5. Do you ever feel that God's commands are burdensome? What hope can we be strengthened by from Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28-30?
6. How does our faith prevent us from turning away from Christ, or being defeated by the world and all its hostility?

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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5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Activities:

Ask: What do these 5 verses tell us about a child of God? (Discuss and make a list or underline in your Bible.)

Say: A child of God loves God and loves others. And how do we love? By following His commandments. And because we have His spirit living in us, obeying His commandments is a joy.

Ask: What does victory mean to you? Give examples.

Ask: What is the victory in verse 4? (Faith)

Say: A child of God has victory! Victory in the battle over sin and death.

Choose an activity from the suggestions below.

- 1.Design a victory cup, you can use a real cup or a drawing. In the center of the cup write FAITH. Decorate your victory cup with drawings, stickers, and/or paint.
- 2.Make up a victory song/cheer. Record yourselves singing or cheering.
- 3.Review the 10 Commandments and post them in your home. You can use the links below and the coloring sheet.

Here is the link to practice the commandments. <https://youtu.be/auBp1tiiD7c>

Here is the link to test your memory. <https://youtu.be/EEuJ22cLN3w>

The 10 Commandments



Exodus 20:1-17