

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***



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Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm 130:7

Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Mark 3:20-35

Being a part of God's Family

Object: A large picture of a family



Have you ever been to a family reunion? It is a time for all the members of a family to get together. Most of the time it will include playing a lot of games and eating a lot of food, but the main reason for a reunion is to help family members to stay in touch with one another.

In the very first book of the Bible, God established the family. He created Adam and Eve, blessed them, and said, "Be fruitful and multiply." God intended for family members to be there to care for one another in times of need.

In our Bible reading today, Jesus looked at a group of people seated around him and said, "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." When we are baptized, we become a part of a family of believers, the church. Just as the members of our earthly family have a responsibility to love and care for one another, members of our church family have a responsibility to love and care for one another.

We can pray for those who are sick, feed those who are hungry, give clothing to those in need, give shelter to the homeless, comfort those who are sad, and be a friend to those who have no friends.

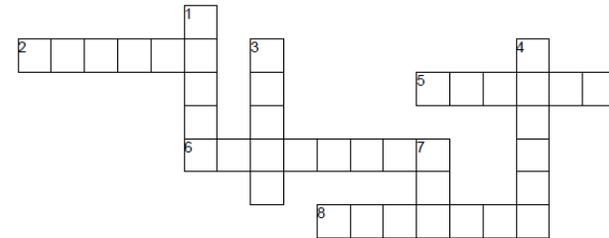
Family is important — our earthly family and our spiritual family.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our families, our earthly family and our spiritual family. Help us to love and care for one another as you have taught us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. The ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself. Alleluia. (John 12:31. 32)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. A woman who has given birth to a child
- 5. Parents and children; people descended from a common ancestor
- 6. A follower of Jesus
- 8. A male with the same parents as another person

DOWN

- 1. A large number people gathered together
- 3. A dwelling that serves as living quarters for one or more families
- 4. A female with the same parents as another person
- 7. To take in food

EAT	SISTER	CROWD	BROTHER
FAMILY	HOUSE	DISCIPLE	MOTHER

FAMILY TREE: Have the child draw a large tree on a half-piece of poster board or large piece of construction paper. The child will then write the names of people that they know who belong to their CHURCH FAMILY. Label their drawing at the trunk of the tree as the FAMILY OF GOD. Add flowers, birds, grass, or flower stickers, etc.



JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

