



GROUP LEADER GUIDE

FAMILY

WEEK 1 : MADE TO BELONG

NOVEMBER

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Proverbs 22:6 NIV

Start off children on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

The Point:

A family is made to be a firm foundation.

Group Activity Directions

You'll Need

- Paper People Activity Sheet (1 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

1. **Explain:** God gives us all a family, but each one looks different. Think of the people God put in your life that teach you the right way, take care of you, and love you no matter what. A family is a firm foundation.
2. **Pass** out a Paper People activity sheet to each child.
3. Kids **name** and decorate the people on the activity sheet as real people in their families.
4. Kids **share** about the people they drew to represent their families.
5. **Reinforce** the idea that who you're with IS your family, especially for those in recently blended, newly adoptive, or foster families.
6. **Ask:** How are all of our families the same? *When we live our lives with Jesus in our heart, and with Jesus as the Lord of our lives, we all have the same Father God!*

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Group Discussion Ideas

Get Everyone Talking

1. Mike is responsible for kitchen duty. What chores do you have to do at home?
2. Mike watches "Raining Dogs" to relax. What shows do you watch?
3. If you could use the transformation station, what would you become?

Check For Understanding

1. Why does God give us families? *God gives you a family to teach you the right way, take care of you, and love you no matter what. A family is a firm foundation.*
2. What does "firm foundation" mean? *A firm foundation means something very strong you can build on. A firm foundation means learning how to obey God's way so you will make good choices when you are older.*
3. What do you need to learn from your family so you can build your life on a firm foundation? *I need to learn how to obey leaders, serve Jesus, believe good things, be responsible, and respect others.*
4. What happened when the wise man built his house on the rock? *It had a firm foundation so it stood through the storm.*
5. What happened when the foolish man built his house on the sand? *It had a weak foundation so it fell in the storm.*

Apply To This Week

1. If your family doesn't always make great choices, what can you do to help? *I can be a good example in my family by being kind, loving, patient, forgiving, and sharing God's story with them.*
2. What can you do to make sure you learn a firm foundation from your family? *I can obey, do my responsibilities, and learn from my mistakes.*
3. What can you do to show people in your family that they belong? *I can listen, share, help, and pray for them.*

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