



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

David's Son, Absalom, Rebels

Take Home Point:

Sin pulls families apart, but God's love puts families together.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: How did you use your chewing gum to show God's love helps families stick together?
(Kids used their gum to stick family problems on a cut out cross to signify that Jesus has an answer for the sin that pulls our families apart.)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Make a dessert composed of the same number of ingredients as there are members in your family. For example, if there are four members, make sundaes with ice cream, chocolate syrup, whipped cream, and nuts. As you enjoy the snack together, ask each person to share a favorite memory of your family together. Then say, "God wants to keep our family together with his love, but sin will try to pull our family apart." That's what happened in King David's family.

READ THE BIBLE: 2 Samuel 13-19. Read a summary of these chapters from a story Bible about how David's son, Absalom, led a rebellion against him.

KEY VERSES: 2 Samuel 18:33b, *"My son, my son Absalom! I wish I had died in your place! Absalom, my son, my son!"*

Colossians 1:22, *"...Christ has brought you back to God by dying in his physical body. He did this so that you could come into God's presence without sin, fault, or blame."*

TALK ABOUT IT: When Absalom was in Jerusalem, he stayed by the city gate answering people's questions and helping them solve their problems. What was he trying to do? (2 Samuel 15:1-6. *He was trying to win the people's favor and overthrow his father.*) What happened to Absalom's armies when they finally came after David and fought him in the woods? (2 Samuel 18:6-7. *They were defeated.*) What happened to Absalom? (2 Samuel 18:9-15. *He ran away, got his hair caught in a tree, and was killed by Joab.*) What was David's response when he heard his son had died? (2 Samuel 18:28-33. *He was sad and said he wished he had died instead of his son.*)

Talk about how Jesus, God's Son, loves us so much that he died in *our* place. God solves family problems by giving us his love in Jesus. How could you show God's love and help solve the family's problem?

PRAYER POWER: Pray the powerful love of Jesus would be active in your family. Pray for specific ways your family can apply God's love to the sins that often pull you apart.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Look through a family photo album and thank God for how he has blessed you so far with his love. Talk about some future pictures you'd like to see in your photo album that will show how God's love keeps your family together.