

# “Family Plan”



This week we learned that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. The verse for the week is **Jeremiah 31:3**.

**I have loved you with an everlasting love**

Please take 5-10 minutes each day to recite the verse with your child, discuss the questions for the day, and pray with them.

## Goin' Home

### MONDAY

This week we learned another great promise from God. One to remember when we feel lonely, when we feel scared. One to remember when we feel like unfair and bad things are happening to us. Even one to remember when WE have done something wrong and feel like we've blown it and God couldn't possibly love us anymore.

The Apostle Paul asked in the Bible (Romans 8:35) "What can separate us from the love of Christ?"

Do you remember what his answer was? Listen to these verses. *Read Romans 8:38-39.*

What was the answer Paul had?

His answer was nothing! Not any distance, not any person, not any power. Nothing in all creation. Not even life or death!

This is a promise for ALL who are part of God's family. For all who love and follow Jesus as Lord and God.

How can this promise help you in your life?  
*Discuss how it can help.*

**Application:** Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus.

**PRAY** (Thank you God for always loving us no matter what happens or where we are.)

### TUESDAY

This week in Sunday School you talked about a man who lived a long time ago. He was a man who loved and followed God. His name was Joseph.

In Joseph's life many bad things happened to him. What were some of those things? *Allow answers*

Joseph's brothers hated him because they were jealous of him. Do you remember what they did to Joseph?

They threw him in a pit to die. Then they decided to sell him to some travelers as a slave. And off Joseph went to another country away from all his family. A slave in a faraway Egypt. How do you think Joseph felt?

Other bad things happened to Joseph. He was accused of a terrible crime. One he did not commit. But he was thrown into prison anyway.

Do you think he might have felt as if God no longer loved and cared for Him since these bad things happened? In prison in a land far from home. Betrayed and sold into slavery by his brothers. Terrible things had happened to him. Some people might think that.

But God loved Joseph even in these situations. And Joseph knew it. He gave Joseph a sense of peace and comfort in the worst of times.

**Application:** Knowing God always loves us can give us comfort and strength in bad times.

**PRAY** (Ask God to remind you He always loves you, especially when life gets hard.)

## WEDNESDAY

Nothing Joseph's brothers did could separate him from God's love. Nothing the people in Egypt did to him could separate him from God's love. But what if JOSEPH did something bad? Could that separate him from God's love? Let's look at another passage from the Bible. This one is a story that Jesus told. It teaches us many lessons about forgiveness and love. Listen to the story.

*Read Luke 15:11-24*

What did the son do? How did he act with the inheritance he got? *Explain in heritage*

Did he make good choices or bad?  
How did the son feel when he realized his mistakes  
Did he feel unworthy of the father's love?

How did the father react when he saw the son?  
Did the son's mistakes and sin separate him from the love of the father?

**Application:** Although our sin hurts our relationship with God, it does not stop God from loving us.

**PRAY** (ask God to forgive us for our sins. Thank Him for loving us despite our sin )

## FRIDAY

This, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus, is a very important promise to remember. Why? *Allow answers.*

Sometimes when things are going bad it may seem as if God doesn't love you right then. People may even tell you that He doesn't. The enemy, the devil, wants you to think this. And when times are REALLY bad, you could be tempted to believe it.

But if you KNOW what God has promised you can stand firm. You can know God still loves you. He has promised in the Bible that nothing can separate you from His love. He does not lie. His Word is true. Listen to Romans 8:35, 37-39 again.

**Application:** If we know the promises of God, no matter the situation we can stand firm trusting them

**PRAY** (ask God to help us learn, remember and call on His promises)

## THURSDAY

Bad things and bad people can't separate us from the love of God. We may feel like God has abandoned us when we are going through difficult times. You may face a time when everything seems wrong. Maybe even someone you love and trusted has hurt you. You may be tempted to think God doesn't love you anymore. If He did, how could this have happened?

Remember, just because someone has done something that has hurt you or made you feel bad, God hasn't stopped loving you. Even when life is hard God hasn't stopped loving you. Nothing can separate you from the love of God. It is everlasting.

He loves you always. Even when you have done something wrong. Sometimes when we sin we feel really bad. We should. Feeling bad leads us to telling God we're sorry and will try better to do things His way. But we should not feel like our mistakes don't allow God to love us! Nothing separates us from His love! He loves us even when we make mistakes.

**Application:** Be encouraged in all situations knowing nothing separates you from God's love.

**PRAY** (thank God for always loving us)

## SATURDAY

A very important part of this promise needs to be discussed. This promise we have been talking about all week is a promise for those who belong to God's family. Is that you? Why or why not? Do you know how someone becomes a part of God's family?

*Be ready to discuss what it means to be a part of God's family. Be ready to explain the Gospel in a simple manner. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to confirm your child's relationship with Christ, lead them into a relationship with him, or plant the seeds for a future relationship with him. Ask your child who they believe Jesus is. Ask if they have ever asked him for forgiveness, asked him into their heart and committed to following and loving him. If they have not, ask them if they would like to or have some questions they need answered. Next Sunday, let their Sunday School teacher know how this went.*

**Application:** You must be a part of the family of God to be able to claim this promise.

**PRAY** (lead child through asking forgiveness and accepting Christ if they desire.)