

ROAD TRIP

WEEK 3

BIG IDEA

We obey God by loving our families.

BIBLE

Exodus 20:12-14; Matthew 5:21-24; I Thessalonians 1:2-7

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT? WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT TODAY?

MUSIC | Road Trip Jams!



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Turn up your car radio. . . it's time to worship God on the go! Play some fun worship songs like these:*
 - ["Yes I Will"](#)
 - ["Deep Cries Out"](#)

ACTIVITY | Are We There Yet?



- Hi, everyone! We are in week three of our Road Trip series and you might be wondering, "Are we there yet?" Almost! Let's pass the time with a fun game.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Lay down **colored sheets of construction paper** (similar to Candyland) in a curved path on the floor, interspersing the road sign printables along the route. Tell the kids to **spin a number spinner or roll large dice** to make a move around the course. You can have the kids walk along the path to play or if you have a large group, use large toys as game tokens*

to represent a group of kids. The first kid or group to make it to the end wins!

ACTIVITY | Family I.D. ▲



- All of our home lives are different from everyone else's. And while our families may not look the same, our families help make us into the people we are supposed to be. **Tell me a little bit about your family!**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids a **sheet of paper** and access to an **ink pad**. Tell them to draw their perfect road trip vehicle. Encourage them to be creative — even inventing their own — but to leave the wheels off of the vehicle for now. Tell them to draw their family inside their vehicle. You will later instruct them to stamp their thumbprints in the place where the wheels should be.
- Let's take a look at these unique vehicles. These are really cool! Did you know every single person has a unique thumbprint? That's right! There's no one in the world who has a thumbprint like yours. These thumbprint wheels are here to remind us that although we're all different from each other, we are all one family of God!

SO WHAT? WHY DOES IT MATTER TO GOD AND TO US?

SCRIPTURE | Exodus 20:12-14; Matthew 5:21-24 ▲



- We're on the road for week three of our virtual road trip to hear more about The Ten Commandments or rules God wants us to live by.
- These are the first four we talked about so far – let's review them together:
 - Put God first.
 - No idols. (Worship God only)
 - Respect God's name.
 - Worship and rest on God's day
- Next up, we have commandments five, six, and seven. Each of these commandments are about loving people, especially our families.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read Exodus 20:12-14 and Matthew 5:21-24 aloud.

- We can show our love to our parents and other grownups who take care of us by listening to their advice and treating them with love and kindness. They want what's best for us, so obeying them would be the wise thing to do!
- We can show our love to our siblings and other family members by not filling ourselves with negative emotions toward them. It's understandable to get frustrated and annoyed sometimes. It's okay to feel hurt. But God doesn't want us to stay that way because that is more harmful to us. We can ask God to show us how to love them like God does, and make things right with the people who upset us.
- We can also show love to people we make commitments to —like when people get married — and keep the promises we make to them.
- Our families aren't perfect, but God loves each of our family members anyway . . . and we can do the same!

THE BIG IDEA | We obey God by loving our families. ▲



- I'm ready to continue our road trip. I got my road trip bag, and. . .oh, no! I think I forgot my toothbrush. Can I borrow yours? Is that gross? What if we were family? It's still gross? Oh, and speaking of family, look what I found in my bag again — today's Big Idea!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Fold up today's Big Idea road sign and put it in the same bag from the previous weeks.*
- There it is! **We obey God by loving our families.** It isn't always easy, but it's what God wants us to do.

VIDEO | Road Trip, Episode 3



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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*

ACTIVITY | No Family Feud



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pair the kids and instruct them to work together to think through how they'd respond to a scenario that might occur while on a family road trip. Read aloud each of the scenarios below (or make up your own) and give each pair a few minutes to discuss what they'd do. When the allotted time is up, ask the pairs to share their responses with the larger group.*

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- An adult won't let you listen to the music you want to.

- You want to stay up late, but an adult says no.
- Your sibling is annoying you and won't stop.
- An adult promises you can get a special snack, but then changes their mind because it's too close to dinnertime.

SCRIPTURE | I Thessalonians 1:2-7



- We can love our families by putting love into action. That means the way we act shows love, kindness, and respect. Let's read a few Bible verses that explains this.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read I Thessalonians 1:2-7 aloud.*
- These verses tell us how Paul's friends loved each other through their actions. When we think about our families, hopefully we can see how they show us they love us with their words and actions.
- **How has your family shown you love recently?**
- **What are some things we do that are not loving toward our families?**
- Remember: **we obey God by loving our families.** Let's talk a little more about how we can do that!

NOW WHAT? WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO ABOUT

ACTIVITY | Heads Up! Family Edition



- Let's put our love into action!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Divide the kids into two teams and determine which team will go first. Have the first player from Team One come up to the front. Explain that you will place a card with a word or phrase on it on their forehead so their team can see it. The team will have thirty seconds to act out the word or phrase and the player must correctly guess what's on the card. If they guess correctly, they get a point and then the other team gets a turn to guess. Continue as time allows.*

MEMORY VERSE | Road Rules



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Line up the kids in a straight line. Explain that they will move around the room and follow simple directions as they recite the verse. For example: If you say, "U-Tturn," they should turn around and follow the lead of the last person in line. If you say, "Road Closed," they should stop moving and say the verse. If you say, "Traffic Jam," they need to move to stand in a new place in line.*

PRAYER



- Dear God, thank You for each person in our family. Loving our families isn't always easy, but help us to love each person with our words and with our actions. May we remember that we obey You when we do that. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION



- **What commandments did we hear about today?**
- **Who are these commandments telling us to show love to?**
- **What reason does the Bible give us for honoring our parents?**
- **Re-read I Thessalonians 1:3 aloud. Who in your family has been a good example of showing love? How have they done that?**
- **What makes it hard to show honor and respect to your parents?**
- **What are some things God would want us to do when someone upsets us?**
- **Why is it important to keep your promises?**

ACTIVITY | Wish You Were Here!



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Encourage the kids to write a **postcard** for someone in their family, explaining why they love them.
- Today, we've talked about how **we obey God by loving our families**. God wants us to show them love and respect, to be kind, and to keep our promises. Think about someone in your family whom you love. Why do you love them? Take a few minutes to write a postcard that expresses why you are glad you get to be a part of their family and how much you love them.

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 10:27 (NIV)



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Practice this month's memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we've provided.