

WEEK 1: Jesus' True Family

Big Idea: Jesus shows us a new kind of family.

HANGOUT

1. Discuss:
 - Do you have any friends with families that are quite different from your own?
 - Do you think people who are not related can act like a family?
 - What are some of the good things that families do together?
 - Jesus shows us a new kind of family! Who do you think might be in Jesus' family?

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

2. Look up and read Mark 3:31-35.
3. Encourage the kids to imagine the scene in these verses, with a house so crowded that Jesus' mother and brothers couldn't even get in!
4. Discuss:
 - What do you think it was like to be there?
 - Is there anything that surprised you in this story?
 - Who does Jesus say is his family? (anyone who does God's will—that's us when we choose to follow Jesus)

HUDDLE

5. Consider ways that we, as a church family, could love and serve together.
6. Thank God that the kids (name each one if possible) are invited into his family through Jesus. Pray that the kids' roots would go down deep into God's love.

Make an acrostic poem using the word FAMILY. Write a word or phrase that describes what family means to you to match each letter of the word.

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