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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 1



Big Service Idea:

Being kind at home helps us learn how to serve others.

Big Bible:

Jacob meets Rachel
Genesis 29:1-14

Big Verse:

"We show that we are servants of God ... by our kindness."
2 Corinthians 6:6



Family Discussion:

- Share 3 jobs you have to do at home.
- Discuss how you feel when you have to do your jobs.
- How do you think God feels when you are kind at home?



Family Challenge: Turn your family into secret agents this week. When the family is all together write a list of jobs down and cut them off so they can be placed into a container. Put the container somewhere that everyone can reach it. Tell the family that they need to take a job and try to do it without anyone else knowing. How much fun can you have playing secret agents?

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 2



Big Service Idea:
Love helps us serve others patiently.

Big Bible:
Laban cheats Jacob
Genesis 29:15-28

Big Verse:
"Love is patient,
love is kind."
1 Corinthians 13:4.



Family Discussion:

- Share a time when something didn't work out how you wanted it to?
- Discuss how patience can help us serve others easily.



Family Challenge: This week you will all become bankers. Make a family "bank" which everyone can access. Have a collection of coins for odd jobs and challenge your family that each time they do a job for the rest of the family they can grab a coin and place it in the bank. Keep a close eye on the coins and refill when needed. Take what you have collected to church this Sabbath and donate it to one of your church's projects.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 3



Big Service Idea:

Loving service doesn't expect a reward.

Big Bible:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart."
Colossians 3:23

Big Verse:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart."
Colossians 3:23



Family Discussion:

- Talk about a time when you got rewarded for doing something good for someone.
- How did you feel when you were rewarded?



Family Challenge: This week as a family you need to make a list of "heart" jobs. These are jobs that you do without expecting a reward or payment, (e.g. making the bed, putting the dishes away, feeding the dog). When one person in the family does a heart job, get them to place a tick beside that job. Count the number of ticks at the end of the week during a special Friday night Sabbath Meal together. Praise God for giving you a huge heart for helping this week.

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Big Service Idea:

We serve God when we share His blessings.

Big Bible:

Jacob and Esau are reunited
Genesis 30:24-43; 31

Big Verse:

"God has been gracious to me and I have all I need."
Genesis 33:11



Family Discussion:

- Discuss 3 ways you can share God and his blessings with your friends.
- How do you feel when you share?



Family Challenge: As a family this week, you will need a blessings box. Maybe the younger children can decorate it for you? Talk about what a blessing is and how it makes you feel. When someone receives a blessing this week, write what it was down and place it in your Blessings box. On Friday night at the start of Sabbath, open the box and read the blessing that your family has received this week. Praise God for so many blessings.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 5



Big Grace Idea:

Jesus' love changes us.

Big Bible:

Nicodemus talks with Jesus
John 3:1-21

Big Verse:

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are."
1 John 3:1



Family Discussion:

- How do you feel, knowing Jesus is in your life?
- Share how you think having Jesus in your life has made you a better person.



Family Challenge: This week your family needs to make lots of hearts, write on them, "Jesus love, changes me". Leave the pile of hearts somewhere everyone can get to. Each time something happens, and someone stops to think about Jesus and how his love can change the situation, they put a heart onto the fridge or notice board. On Friday night to talk about the situations, and how they were better.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 6



Big Grace Idea:

By keeping our eyes on Jesus we are Saved.

Big Bible:

Jesus and Peter walk on water
Matthew 14:22-32
Mark 6:45-51
John 6:16 21

Big Verse:

"What is impossible with men is possible with God."
Luke 18:27



Family Discussion:

- Talk about a time when you were so scared you couldn't let go of something or someone.
- How did you feel when you realised you were going to be okay?
- How can you always know you will be safe?



Family Challenge: This week you need a notice on your notice board saying "Keep your eyes on Jesus". Have some star or heart stickers, and every time someone feels like things are going bad, encourage them to put a sticker on the notice and remember that Jesus is always with them. Share at the end of the week how it felt when you kept your eyes on Jesus, did things get better when you did?

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 7



Big Grace Idea:
Jesus gives His love
and grace freely.

Big Bible:
Jesus raises the
Widow of
Nain's son
Luke 7:11-17

Big Verse:
"I will turn their mourn-
ing into gladness; I will
give them comfort and
joy instead of sorrow."
Jeremiah 31:13



Family Discussion:

- Discuss how much it costs to receive God's love?
- How would you feel if you had to pay for it?



Family Challenge: If your family knows someone who has lost a relative or friend from sickness or an accident, plan a family day to help those people this week, encourage your children to help that person find joy, tell your friend stories from the Bible of hope and love. Do some odd jobs for them and leave some encouraging notes around their house. Remind your family that Jesus will turn their sorrow into joy when He comes again.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 8



Big Grace Idea:
Jesus invites us
to be with Him in
heaven.

Big Bible:
The parable of the
great feast
Luke 14:15-24

Big Verse:
"Blessed is the man
who will eat at
the feast in the king-
dom of God."
Luke 14:15



Family Discussion:

- Share a time you were invited to a party.
- How would you feel if you were invited to a party in Heaven?



Family Challenge: Plan as a family a special Sabbath banquet. Encourage each family member to invite one special friend to join you at your banquet. Decorate your house, put up Bible verses on the wall to remember that Jesus invites us to the most special banquet ever. Make sure each family member is involved in preparation and serving on the day for their special guest.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 9



Big Grace Idea:

Jesus sees our needs and helps us.

Big Bible:

Jesus heals a crippled man at the pool
John 5:1-15

Big Verse:

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith it is the gift of God.”
Ephesians 2:8



Family Discussion:

- Talk about a time when you saw someone who needed help and you helped them.
- How did it make you feel?



Family Challenge: Your family challenge this week is to help another family in need. Discuss as a family who this might be, a neighbour, friend, person from church. Then as a family plan a day where you will do some cooking to take with you, and go and visit this person and help at their house too. After your day out, talk about how Jesus sees our needs and helps us, just as your family did today.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 10



Big Worship Idea:

We worship God when we sing songs of praise.

Big Bible:

Angels tell shepherds of Jesus' birth
Luke 2:8-15

Big Verse:

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”
Luke 2:10



Family Discussion:

- Share your favourite songs at church.
- Discuss how singing can be worshipping God.
- How do you feel when you sing praises to Him?



Family Challenge: It's time to make Christmas decorations as a family. You will need an angel pattern this week. The adults could do the patterns and cut them out while the children decorate. Make sure you have a way to hang them up. Write this week's memory verse on the back of each one. Make enough to share with friends, neighbours etc. You could even post some to family. Sing some carols as you make your angels.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 11



Big Worship Idea:

We worship the God who guides us.

Big Bible:
Shepherds worship
Baby Jesus
Luke 2:15-20

Big Verse:
"Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace to men."
Luke 2:14



Family Discussion:

- Discuss how a guide dog helps blind people.
- Who guides us every single day?



Family Challenge: Set aside some fun time together this week to do this activity. You will need everyone to have a partner, and then one person will be blindfolded. Take turns leading each other around, inside, outside, make it hard at times too. As you are leading the person blindfolded, talk about how God leads us in our lives. Make sure everyone gets a turn. Sit down with a drink and a snack when you're finished and talk about how easy/hard it was not being able to see.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 12



Big Worship Idea:

We worship Jesus when we give gifts to Him.

Big Bible:
Wise men follow a
star to Bethlehem
Matthew 2:1-12

Big Verse:
"They saw the child
with his mother Mary,
and they bowed down
and worshipped him."
Matthew 2:11



Family Discussion:

- Talk about gifts you like to give to others.
- Share a gift you could give to Jesus.
- How do you think you would feel if you gave a gift to Jesus?



Family Challenge: It's a time of giving, so this week as a family you will need to either do some cooking, or collect toys that aren't used anymore to take and give to those people who are less fortunate. You could make cookies, chocolate balls etc. You can wrap them up to look special then find a place where this is needed most and go as a family together to deliver them. Tell the people who get the gifts that Jesus loves them and so do you.

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Primary Year A, Quarter 4, Week 13



Big Worship Idea:

We will live with
Jesus and worship
Him forever.

Big Bible:

Jesus will take us to
heaven
Revelation 7:9-17;
21;22

Big Verse:

"The Lord will save me,
and we will sing with
stringed instruments all
the days of our lives in
the temple of the Lord."
Isaiah 38:20



Family Discussion:

- Share some things you will see in Heaven.
- How can you know we will live there forever?



Family Challenge: It's a time for family and friends. This week spend time with those you love, enjoy playing together outside, doing fun things as a family. Have a picnic and talk about all the things in nature that God has made especially for you. Talk about heaven and how wonderful it will be there, discuss what animals you want to play with or ride on first. Take a walk together at night time and look at the stars and talk about the glory of heaven and how beautiful it will be.