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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 1



Big Service Idea:

Jesus helps me treat others as I want to be treated.

Big Bible:

Speck/plank parable.
Matthew 7:1-12

Big Verse:

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."
Matthew 7:12



Family Discussion:

- Share how you feel when someone treats you badly.
- How does it make you want to treat them?
- How can we be kind even if they aren't?



Family Challenge: This week your challenge is to, as a family make a list of ways to be nice to people when they treat you badly. During the week keep track of the things that you did and how they worked. At the end of the week get together as a family and talk about how it worked. How did it make you feel? What worked? What didn't? What can we do in the future?

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 2



Big Idea:

Jesus wants me to put others first.

Big Bible:

James and John want good places in the kingdom.
Matt 20:20-28;
Mark 10:35-45

Big Verse:

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant"
Mark 10:43



Family Discussion:

- Discuss what it means to put others first.
- How can we do that every day?
- How does it make God feel when we do put others first?
- Share a time when you put others first.



Family Challenge: Service is a big part of being involved in something, whether a church or a community. Find a way this week that you and your family can serve together in your community. Maybe at a meal kitchen, an old people's home, helping the elderly or just keeping them company. Try to find somewhere where everyone can help together in service to God.

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 3



Big Service Idea:

I serve Jesus when I bring others to Him.

Big Bible:

Paralytic lowered through roof
Matt. 9:1-8
Mark 2:1-12
Luke 5:17-26

Big Verse:

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love."
Romans 12:10



Family Discussion:

- Talk about some people your family knows who don't know about God.
- How can you tell them about Him and get them to know Him better?



Family Challenge: This week your challenge is to do something to show God's love to someone (family member, neighbour, friend) that doesn't know God (give them cookies, send them a card, invite them for a meal with your family on Sabbath afternoon).

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 4



Big Service Idea:

I will tell others what Jesus has done for me.

Big Bible:

Jesus heals a man blind from birth
John 9

Big Verse:

"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"
John 9:25



Family Discussion:

- Share a story of one thing Jesus has done for you.
- How do you feel knowing He did that just for you?
- How do you tell others about what He has done?



Family Challenge: Sharing what Jesus had done for us is important. This week your challenge is for each member of the family to share what Jesus has done for them with one other person (outside your family) at the end of the week talk about who you shared with and how it made you feel.

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 5



Big Grace Idea

Jesus comes looking for me when I am far from Him.

Big Bible:

Parable of the lost sheep
Matt 18:12-14
Luke 15: 3-7

Big Verse:

"Your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost." Matthew 18:14



Family Discussion:

- Discuss how you feel when you are far away from God.
- How can you know He is still there for you?



Family Challenge: At the beginning of this week sit down as a family and make a plan for how you can all stay close to God this week (family worship, prayer, reading the Bible etc.). Write down an action plan and carry it out. At the end of the week discuss how the plan worked and what you can do better next week to stay closer to God.

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 6



Big Grace Idea

Jesus looks for me, because I am precious to Him.

Big Bible:

Parable of the lost coin
Luke 15:8-10

Big Verse:

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."
Luke 19:10



Family Discussion:

- Talk about something that is precious to you.
- How do you know that you are precious to God?



Family Challenge: Things don't have to be expensive in order to be precious. Have each member of the family find something that is precious to them (i.e. Photograph, toy, pet etc.). At the end of the week have a family sharing time where each member of the family has an opportunity to tell the rest of the family what is precious to them and why. Possibly have a family affirmation time as family is precious.

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 7



Big Grace Idea

Jesus will help me when I am in trouble.

Big Bible:

Jesus calms the storm
Matt. 8:23-27
Mark 4:35-41

Big Verse:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not be afraid."
Matthew 12:8



Family Discussion:

- Share a time you got lost.
- How did you feel? Did anyone know you were lost?
- How were you found?



Family Challenge: This week as a family take an outing to the RSPCA or your local pet shelter. Look at the pets and read about their stories.

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 8



Big Grace Idea

The Sabbath is a day to learn more about God's love.

Big Bible:

Jesus does good on the Sabbath
Matt. 12:1-13
Mark 2:23-3:5
Luke 6:1-10

Big Verse:

"For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."
Matthew 12:8



Family Discussion:

- Discuss the things you do on Sabbath that you like the most?
- How can you make Sabbath the best day of the week with your family?



Family Challenge: As a family plan your one of your favourite Sabbath afternoon activities (picnic, walk, lunch) and invite another family or other people from your church. How was it sharing your Sabbath with others?

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 9



Big Worship Idea

I thank Jesus for choosing to save me.

Big Bible:

Jesus prays in Gethsemane
Matt 26:36-56
Mark 14:32-50
Luke 22:39-53

Big Verse:

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."
Luke 22:42



Family Discussion:

- Talk about a time when you were saved from something.
- How did you feel?
- How does Jesus save you from the things in this world?
- How did that make you feel?



Family Challenge: Jesus saves us from things in this world. But there are still bad things that happen, natural disasters, people being hungry etc. As a family do some research about what is going on in your country and overseas and then come up with one thing that you as a family that you can help (make a donation to charity, give food, take your old clothes to a charity store, pick up the rubbish in the park).

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 10



Big Worship Idea

I thank Jesus for being willing to suffer for me.

Big Bible:

Jesus on trial
Matt 26:57-27:2,
11-14
Mark 14:53-15:5

Big Verse:

"But He was pierced for our transgressions..."
Isaiah 53:5



Family Discussion:

- Share how you feel knowing that Jesus suffered on the cross for you.
- How can you thank Him?



Family Challenge: One evening go outside in nature as a family and do something that you love to do (i.e. go for a walk, bike ride, fly kites, go surfing or for a picnic dinner). At the end as a family say a prayer thanking Jesus for the cross, the gift of life and family that He has given us.

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 11



Big Worship Idea

I want Jesus to be my personal Saviour.

Big Bible:

The crucifixion
Matt. 27:15-66
Mark 15:6-47
Luke 23:13

Big Verse:

"For God so loved the world that he gave..." John 3:16



Family Discussion:

- Discuss what you think a personal Saviour is?
- How do you know that Jesus is your personal Saviour?



Family Challenge: Making a decision to have Jesus as your personal Saviour is an important thing to do. As a family make heart shapes for each member of the family and spend a worship time writing names on each heart as a sign that you want Jesus in your life/heart.

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Primary Year D, Quarter 1, Week 12



Big Worship Idea

I want to be with Jesus when He comes back for me.

Big Bible:

The Ascension
Luke 24:50-53
Acts 1:1-12

Big Verse:

"This same Jesus, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11



Family Discussion:

- Share the story of Jesus' return together.
- How do you feel about Jesus coming again to take you home?



Family Challenge: Easter is coming up soon and it is about celebrating what Jesus has done for us and that he is coming soon. As a family it is your challenge to plan something that you can do to share your excitement about Jesus coming soon with the people in your community (i.e. make/write happy Easter cards and deliver them to your neighbours, or teachers with flowers, baked cookies or Easter eggs).