



FAMILY LifeGroup



CHALLENGE

Last session we asked you to try and remember a Bible verse. See who can remember it.

**You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand
are pleasures forevermore
*Psalm 16:11***



EXPLORATION

This week we continue our series Faith Formed. Today we are focusing on relationships with others

**Click [here](#) to watch a video about how building strong relationships has helped grow
Maureen's friendship with God.**



VERSE

John 13:31b-35

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him,¹³ God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.



MAIN THOUGHT

**God made us to have relationships with other people, our parents, brothers and sisters and friends.
We love one another with Jesus love.**



DISCUSSION

These are to guide the general conversation.

1. If you had to list 5 qualities or traits of a good friend what would they be?
2. How would your friends describe you?
3. Share a time you have not agreed with a friend of yours. How did you resolve it?
4. The bible tells us to stick with our friends through everything. What can help us to do this when we don't get along?



ACTIVITIES

CRAFT ACTIVITY

FAMILY HANDPRINT ART

Our family is the first relationship we form. Our family know us better than anyone, but we don't always tell each other how much we love them.

You will need:

- Coloured paper or paint
- Scissors
- Glue or blu-tac
- Textas, pencils, crayons



Trace around the hand of each family member, or create a handprint using paint. When dry, cut out the hands. Each person writes about each family member, on their hand. Tell your mum/dad/brother/sister something you love about them. When they are all done create an art piece by gluing the hands in a pattern or sticking them in a pattern on a wall.

ACTIVE ACTIVITY



LETTER WRITING

We don't always tell people what we appreciate about them, and when we do it deepens our relationship. We also don't always apologise to our friends and family when we hurt them. This can cause a rift in our relationship.

Think of someone who have a relationship with. Write them a letter telling them what you appreciate about them. If you have hurt them, apologise and ask for forgiveness. Share about yourself so they can understand you better and your relationship can deepen.



PRAYER

Today thank God for those people you are in relationship with. Pray for those who you find it hard to love with God's love. Ask for forgiveness for the times you have not loved others as you know you should.



BLESSING

Name, may the love of Christ infuse all your relationships. Amen



Try and remember this verse this week. Perhaps you and your family might like to make up some actions to help, or even a song? It's a big one this week!!

**“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13:34-35**

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We would love to see how you and your family are growing faith in your home.

Why not set up a mini 'Table' for the kids like we have been using at LifeWay? It can be as simple as paper and pencils, scissors and glue and Lego or Play dough. They can then make something while you watch the Live Stream as a family.

If you are happy to share photos or videos of what you have been doing please send them to Elise von Stanke elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au and we will share these with our community through Facebook and Instagram @lifewaylutheranchurch.