



SECTION 1

Lesson 1:

God's Family and Mine

Unit 2 | Love Thy Neighbor | Grades: 1-5

FIELD MANUAL FOR
QUEST PARENTS

UNIT VERSE:

MARK 12:31

"The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

SECTION VERSE:

1 TIMOTHY 5:8

"Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."



God places us in families.

PRAYER

Thank God for the family He has blessed you with.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Tell me about your family. How many children? Brothers? Sisters? Grandparents? Cousins?
- ★ What relationships do we have in God's family? How is it similar to our earthly family?



PARENT DEVOTIONAL

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Parallels Between the Family of God and Our Earthly Family

God uses many metaphors (parallels) in the Bible to describe how He relates to us, how He relates to the church, and how we relate to one another. One of these is the metaphor of "God's family." In this picture God is the parent and we the children. Jesus is our brother, and we, the church, saved by grace through faith, are the adopted brothers and sisters in this family (Ephesians 1:5 and Galatians 3:26, John 1:12-13). How does the Father want us to love our family? To answer this question we must first look to how He has loved us and also how the Son, our adopted brother, has loved us. Jesus said, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." It is at the source of divine love that we must begin and end our Quest.

As you prepare your heart and mind for this week's lesson take a fresh look at some of these verses and make mental note of the ways in which our family life parallels our life in God's family. What can we learn about how we relate to God and what insights might we gain about how God views us as His children, through the lens of the human family? We as individuals were created in the image of God. We as families reflect that likeness to an even greater degree.

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Jn 19:25-27 | Eph. 1:5 | Mal 4:5-6
Galatians 3:26 | John 1:12-13
1 Tim 5:4-8 | Eph. 6:1-4