

God's Team

Jesus invites the children | Matthew 19:13-15

Big Idea

God invites us to join his team.

Conversation Starters:

Get ideas flowing by sharing some of your own ideas too!

Use these questions to get your kids thinking about the Big Idea.

- Have you ever been invited to join a club or team or go to a party? How did it feel to be invited?

Introduce Big Idea.

Video:

Watch this week's video.

Pray & Discuss:

After the video take time to talk about it together.

- What verses from the Bible were a part of the God Story?
- What was the Life Story about?
- How did the Life Story and God Story connect with the Big Idea?
- **Pray:** Dear God, thank you that you use angels to protect us and send messages to your people. Thank you that nothing can separate us from your amazing love. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Craft Activity

Supplies:

- God's Team activity page
- Markers or crayons

Leader tip:

Encourage your child towards Jesus-centred, loving language.

Prep: print God's Team activity page.

- Ask your child: if you could be on any sports team or part of any group, what would it be and why?
- We've done nothing to earn it, but God wants us on his team. Why do you think he does? Have you said, "Yes!" to following Jesus and being a part of God's team?
- Show your child the God's Team activity page and read it with them. Discuss what a mission statement and motto are, and help your child dream up these things for God's team!



Additional Activities

Bonus Verse

Take time to really get kids learning how to look up a passage in their Bibles together. This is an important discipleship skill for them to learn!

Supplies:

- Bible
- Get a Bible.
- Ask your child if they know how to look up a passage.
- Let your child know you are going to look up one of the most famous Bible passages of all time: John 3:16.
- Show them these easy steps: find the table of contents.
- Find the book of John (be sure it's just the book of John, and not one of the "other" Johns: 1 John, 2 John or 3 John!). Then find the page number and find the first page of the book of John. Then, instruct them that the first number, 3, is the big number on the page. Find a big 3. That's the chapter number. And then, tell them the next number(s) are the verse numbers, and they are little numbers in the Bible. Find verse 16 together.
- Have your child read the verse aloud.
- Then, ask what the verse means to them.
- Tell them that God loves us so much, and wants us on his team, and for that Jesus died so that we could be close to God. That's how much God loves you and me!