## **Family Guide**

When the church and family come together to invest in kids, we believe, kids are given the greatest opportunity to build a lasting relationship with Jesus. This guide is meant to help your family further explore the concepts of this week's online kids experience. Spend some intentional time with each other and complete the activities and discussions that are best for your family.





Bottom Line: Love God. Love others.

Supplies Needed: Paper and Pencil

**SAY:** What are some ways you show your family members you love them? Write them down on a piece of paper.

Did you know one big way you show your parents you love them is by obeying them. Even when you'd rather not. Even when you think their rules are lame. A parent's job is to guide and protect their children. By obeying them, you're showing that you trust they're leading you in the right direction.

Guess what? The same idea is true when it comes to loving God. The number one way you can show God you love God is by being obedient to God's Word.. When you read the Bible and follow what it says, you're taking your responsibility to "Love God" seriously.

Remember, God made you. God loves you. God will always lead you in the right direction because God's way is the best way. This week, look for ways to be obedient as you follow God knowing that obedience is best. Love God. Love others.



Supplies Needed: Bible or Bible App

DO: Read Matthew 22:39-40

**SAY:** When Jesus answered the religious leader's question about the most important commandment, He didn't stop with "love God." He quickly added the second, equally important part: Love others.

When you think about it, loving God and loving others are like two sides of a coin. You can't really say you love God and then turn around and be unkind to your brother or the kid at school. And you can't really love your brother or the kid at school without loving God. Why? Because God is love. The only reason you know how to love is because God loved you first.



Supplies Needed: a coin, masking tape, and a pen/pencil

**DO:** Grab a coin and cover it with masking tape. Write "God" on one side and "Others" on the other side.

**SAY:** Carry that coin in your pocket this week to remind yourself of your most important responsibilities. When you're having trouble remember the greatest commandments, pray! Ask God to help you love Him and love others, even when it's hard.



**Memory Verse:** Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. Luke 16:10a (NIrV)

**Supplies Needed:** Bible or Bible App, construction paper, markers, scissors, stapler or tape

**DO:** Look up Luke 16:10 and read it together. Use supplies to cut the construction paper into strips; write different phrases of the memory verse on each strip of paper, use tape or a stapler to fasten the pieces to make a paper chain.

**SAY:** We're going to memorize Luke 16:10a together this month! Let's read it together now and then make a paper chain with phrases of the verse. We can keep this paper chain hanging in a special part of our home to help us reflect on the memory verse all month long.

**ASK:** What do you think this verse is saying?

Let's Pray

**Supplies Needed:** The coin you made in activity number 3

**DO:** Hold the coin in your hands

**SAY:** Let's think of moments we're it has been hard to love God or love others. Get personal, share with your child an experience we're you've needed God's help loving. Pray together.

Jesus, we want to love you and love others. We know it is important and the best thing we can do with our lives. Thank you for loving us so much, and for showing us how to love one another. Help us love You and others always. Amen.



**YOU** just made a difference in your child's life by spending intentional time together in God's word! Yay! Here are some ways you can stay connected to Mountain this week:

- Reach out to your Campus Kids Pastor with any questions.
- Remember to stay connected through social media, email, and website updates. Follow our "Mountain Families Facebook Group."
- Remember to Subscribe to <u>Mountain's Youtube Channel</u> to view all of Mountain Kids Videos.