



**I GET TO
BE A PART
OF GOD'S
GROWING
FAMILY.**

Family is something we all long for. A place to feel safe, seen, and loved. When we make Jesus Lord over our life, we are adopted into a kingdom family. This spirit family is just as important as the nuclear family. The reality of this kingdom means that everyone has a place at the table and everyone has a home to come too. One of the first places that we see this is in Acts 2 with the first church. This group of people devoted themselves to the kingdom and to daily life with each other. The first thing that we can take from the Acts 2 church is that family has hierarchy. There is no commission without submission. The community of Jesus followers is not here just to meet people's needs and make people feel good. Church is not a place to consume, it's a family to serve and change the world with. Churches should be led by people who are apostolic, people who are heaven minded and who are after kingdom expansion. Church family is also built around unity not uniformity. We want to celebrate individuality and the way that Christ's character is represented in each of His children. Each person's identity is a gift to the bigger family and we want to see it on display. The church exists to invest in God's people and empower them to release the kingdom in their everyday lives.

DISCUSSION

Take some time to go deeper and talk about this month's core value. This is a great opportunity to talk about the importance of this value, its biblical significance, and what it means for your family.

- **Who is a part of my family?**
- **When you become a follower of Jesus do you become a part of God's family?**
- **What happens in a family?**

DECLARATION

Today I am thankful because: I am a part of God's big beautiful family! I am chosen, accepted and loved! Jesus, as more people know the truth of your love my family keeps getting bigger and bigger. I am happy to have brothers and sisters because of you! Just like you've done with me, I will include everyone into this family! In this family, everyone is seen, we listen to each other, there is a place for everyone, and we share everything the Lord has provided. We eat together, we pray together, we laugh together, and worship King Jesus together. Today I declare, I will help anyone who is lost, be found in the Family of God

We declare the truths of God together because we believe that our words make worlds. We are calling realities into existence by what we say. Declarations are also ways that we get to be reminded of God's promises for our world today.

ACTIVITY

As a family, draw people in your life that are part of your "family". This could be people who are in your immediate family, friends, people from church ect. After each person is finished drawing their people, make "finger" puppets of the families. Use large craft sticks and glue the pictures you have cut out that the children drew of everyone in their family.