

This first guide correlates with the devotional from Sunday's picnic. Future guides will be directly related to the Wednesday night "Family Fundamentals" class.



## MARANATHA FAMILY STUDY GUIDE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

**READ:** Deuteronomy 6:4 - 9

- How many ways can we listen?
- Where & when did Moses say the Israelites should talk about God's ways?



**MEMORIZE:** Deuteronomy 6:4 - 5, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

-OR SHORTEN - Deuteronomy 6:5, "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

### Idea #1: Sing...

A song you know, one you can find, or one you make



### Idea #2: Have a relay race!

- Make two sets of the verse written in few word phrases (use two different colors of paper if possible).
- Spread out the verse sets on one end of the room.
- Form two teams and assign each team a color.
- Teams will line up where they can race to pick up one paper of their color at a time until all of their color papers are picked up.
- When a team has all their papers, they put the verse in the correct order.

### Idea #3: Do motions!

Make up simple motions for each word or phrase.

**HAVE FUN:** (Use one of these suggestions or your own imaginations!)

- **SIGN LANGUAGE:**
  - If someone in your family knows the alphabet, a phrase, a song, something in sign language, have them teach the rest of the family!
- **GUESS WHAT'S INSIDE:**
  - Learning is just not hearing with our ears, it is experiencing, observing, touching, tasting, smelling, thinking, and feeling.
  - Find a few containers (paper bags, yogurt containers, boxes, something you can't see through). Put one item (or multiple of the same item) in each container that can be tasted, touched or smelled. Label the container with "Taste, Touch, or Smell."
  - Have a family member reach into the container with their eyes shut and by tasting, touching or smelling, have them guess the item inside! (Can also have everyone close their eyes, all take a turn reaching in to retrieve the item. When they've all had a chance to form a guess, then proceed.)
- **ACT IT OUT:**
  - Make up a skit of your family talking about God while... at home, taking a trip, at work at school, in the grocery store, or anywhere else!

**APPLY IT:**

- What is something you can do this week that would help each other live the way God wants you to live? Be specific & creative. *Write it below, so you can check back next week on your progress!*

## **Family Fundamentals – Overview**

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**Text** – Ephesians 5:21-22, 25; 6:1, 4

### **Introduction**

In every occupation, there is a basic base of knowledge employees need. We could think of them as the fundamental questions that one must be able to answer.

- If you are a mail-carrier, what must you know?
- If you are a teacher, what must you know?

We could say the same about humans. There is a base of knowledge that we need to function well as people; fundamental questions that help us flourish.

- If we had to choose three or four questions that summarize healthy human living, what would they be?  
What do we need to know to live well in relationships, work, etc.?

### **The Big Six**

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### **Built for Relationships (Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27)**

- What we know:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What the Trinity teaches about us:

## Life Enrichment

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- Why do you think it is important to answer the “big six” questions?
- If you had to choose one or two of the “big six” as the most important question(s), which would you choose? Why?
- How do you think answering the big six might help us improve our relationships?
- Can you imagine any of the “big six” helping improve the way families work together? Resolve conflicts? Respect each other? Serve God? How?
- If you had to explain the Trinity to someone, what would you say?
- Why do you think the Trinity is so important to our understanding of healthy human relationships and families?

## For Next Time

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- Take time to read Genesis chapter one.
- Note your observations.
- Did you notice any patterns?
- Did you make any new observations?
- Did you recognize any principles that might help improve your relationships?