

GRADE Three
CHAPTER Three
At Home With God

Objectives

- To appreciate the blessing of family
- To learn about how caring family members act
- To understand the story of the Visitation
- To realize that the church is like a family

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Make a chart and show the following:
 - o Ways your family enjoys time together
 - o People who are considered part of your family
 - o Favorite memories of family experiences
 - o Ways your family prays together or tries to know and love God
- Write a short note to each member of your family giving each one a word of praise for something you like about them.
- Talk together about the reasons that your family is a blessing.
- Read p.58, and answer the question at the end. How did Uncle Dan show his love? How do you show your love and appreciation for your family?

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word and Teaching

- Read p. 59 to find another story of family love. How did Elizabeth show her love to Mary? What did Mary's visit give her cousin? Have you ever visited other family members just to make them happy? Is there anyone who needs a visit?
- What do we call the visit between Mary and Elizabeth? See p. 59 for clues.
- Read p. 61-62 and answer these questions:
 - o How many ways can you find that show what we learn in our families?
 - o What makes us members of the Church family?
 - o What is the name we give to the "church of the home?"
 - o What is the sign that the church of the home should be for others?
 - o Where does authority come from? Name some people with authority.
- Make a poster that shows the many ways words and actions family members can use to show they love and care for each other.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Use the prayer service on p. 62 to pray together as a family

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.

CALL to FAITH

- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.