

FAMILY ACTION PACK
Week 2—Special Time
Toothpaste Squeeze

You will need

1 tube of toothpaste
1 plate
A Bible marked at Isaiah 9:6

Get Started

Gather your family around. Then squeeze out a good amount of toothpaste on a plate.

ASK—Do you think you can get it all back inside the tube?

Give each family member a chance to try.

(Some may try scooping it back in; Some may ask for scissors to cut it open and put it back. Just tell them no if you don't want them to ruin the toothpaste tube; still others may want to lick all the toothpaste off the plate and use their mouth to put it back in. This is actually quite funny although if they push too hard, toothpaste will begin to come out of their nose—This really happened once!)

ASK—Is it possible to get all the toothpaste back inside?
(No.)

SAY—The toothpaste is kind of like your words. Once something comes out of your mouth you can't take it back. So if you don't mean it, or you don't plan to follow through with it, don't say it. Every word you say should be as trustworthy as a promise.

ASK—Did God ever make promises? (Yes, the Bible is full of promises for you.)

ASK—Can you name a promise that God made? (Nothing can separate you from His love; He will never leave you; That you're going to heaven once you've given your life to Jesus; etc.)

SAY—God also promised that a Savior would be born.

Read Isaiah 9:6 from your Bible.

SAY—This is a promise God made about 700 years before Jesus was born. God always does what He says, and we should do the same.

PRAY—Thank God for Jesus and how wonderful He is. Thank God for always keeping His promises.

Family Prayer Requests

List prayer requests here:

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Week 2—Food for Thought

You will need
1 small fruit cake
A Bible marked at John 3:16

Get Started

Provide a bite of fruit cake to each member of your family.

SAY—Just like the Egg Nog, fruit cake is a matter of taste. Some people love it, but some people think it tastes disgusting.

ASK—***What else can you think of that is disgusting?***
(Toilet water, Sumo wrestler sweat, body odor, etc.)

ASK—***Do you think lying is disgusting?***

ASK—***What about cheating? Or stealing? Or saying bad words?***

SAY—Sin is anything wrong you do and all sin is disgusting to God. Everything sin has and gives is the opposite of God.

ASK—***How would you describe God?***

SAY—Sin is the opposite of God. God is love—Sin creates hate; God gives peace—Sin destroys peace; God leads you to do right—Sin makes you a slave to doing wrong; God takes care of you—Sin will always hurt you. But God loves you so much, that even though we've all done wrong things, He sent Jesus to die to make a way to take your sins away. That's what Christmas is all about.

Read John 3:16 from your Bible.

See if your child can say this verse. If not, begin saying it with them every night. This is an important verse for every student to know and understand.

Week 2—Making Memories Salt Dough Ornaments

Use the following recipe to create your own salt dough ornaments.

Mix two cups of flour, one cup of salt and one cup of water. Roll the dough out. Use cookie cutters to create shapes. You can also cut out circles and have your children put their handprints inside. Be sure to poke a small hole at the top from which it will hang. Then bake your creations at 350 degrees for 30 minutes for every ¼ inch of thickness. After they cool, paint them, add a string loop through the hole and add them to your tree.