

Activity: Family Flag



Teaching Goal:

Create a family flag that reflects the Christian faith.

Scripture:

Numbers 1:52 "Each tribe of Israel will have a designated camping area with its own family banner." (NLT version)

Numbers 2:2 "Each tribe will be assigned its own area in the camp, and the various groups will camp beneath their family banners." (NLT)

Number 2:17 "All the tribes are to travel in the same order that they camp, each in position under the appropriate family banner." (NLT)

Numbers 2:34 "Each clan and family set up camp and marched under their banners exactly as the Lord had instructed them." (NLT)

Materials:

Fabric
dowel rod
markers
glue
other craft items for making a flag.

- I. **Play theme song**
- II. **Pray**
- III. **Review last lesson**
- IV. **Lesson and Discussion**

☺ Words that are written in **bold** are when you, the parent, are speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

Note: This activity can be done quickly using construction paper, markers, pictures, etc. Or, the family can take more time and effort to make a flag that will last for years. This is a great activity for families that camp. You can create a flag that is planted each time you select a camp site.

A. **There were more than 1,000,000 Israelites who left Egypt headed for the Promised Land under their leader Moses. They did not have cars or buses, instead, they planned to walk 200 miles from Egypt to Caanan. In the book of Numbers, God directs Moses to organize the people into tribes, clans and families. Each tribe was to have a "family flag."**

Invite a volunteer to read Numbers 1:52. **The tribes were given specific places to camp around the Lord's Tabernacle which was located in the center of the camp. Every time they stopped to camp, they would find the Tabernacle and camp in their assigned area east, west, north or south.**

Why do you think God wanted each tribe to have a family flag? So people wouldn't get lost. So families could find their camping place. Organization reduces conflict and fighting over camping spots. **What do you think the tribes put on their flags?** Different colors, symbols.

The family flag is mentioned three times in the second chapter of Numbers. Invite volunteers to read 2:1-2, 2:17, 2:34. **The people camped, traveled and marched under their family flag.**

B. ACTIVITY: **We are going to make a family flag with images of our Christian faith. The first thing we are going to do is brainstorm about what we want to put on the flag.** Use scratch paper to look at different designs. You may want to design the flag together or divide the flag so that each person has a section they can design.

Examples of images related to the faith (try to use images specific to your family):

Picture of church.

Singing.

Country of missionary.

Christian camp.

Favorite verse.

Fruit of the Spirit.

The cross.

Musical instrument.

Bible.

Youth group logo.

Favorite names of God.

Family name.

What will this flag tell others about our family? From looking at our flag will they know that Jesus is the most important person in our family?

Find ways to make your family flag a part of your family traditions. Ideas: Display the family flag on holidays like the 4th of July or Thanksgiving. Display the family flag when you camp.

V. Memorize

**Our faith, our flag will show,
We'll take it as we go.**

VI. Close in Prayer

VII. Pass it On.

Pray and ask God to bring to your mind another family that would benefit from this activity. Make an extra copy of this lesson and pass it on. You may also know a children's minister who would like to share this lesson with other families.

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