

WEEK 1 | OLDER ELEMENTARY

Need to Know: No Family Is Perfect

Bible Story: The First Family

Bible Reference: Genesis 2:20-24, 3:1-24, 4:1-16



CIRCLE UP

- DO**
- Welcome kids to church and tell them who you are.
 - **Sanitize** kids' hands. Have each child share his/her first name and favorite color with the group. Then use the **Island Name Guide** to tell each child his/her island name based on what was shared.

SAY *Thanks for helping us get to know you! Our new series is called "Ohana"! That means family in Hawaiian! We all have different kinds of families.*

Today we are going to talk about how no family is perfect. So let me hear you say this after me:

No Family (crisscross arms in front of body)
Is Perfect (two thumbs up)

READ THE BIBLE

- DO**
- Divide kids into two teams, and give each team a set of **Mini Bible Story Cards**.
 - Have teams work together to arrange their Cards in order.
 - Then read the **Bible Story Cards** aloud, giving points for each picture teams guessed in the correct order. Celebrate the winning team!

- SAY**
- *In the beginning were Adam and Eve a perfect family? (Yes) What did they do that changed everything? (Disobeyed God) Now their family was not perfect.*
 - *Who were Adam and Eve's sons? (Cain and Abel) When Cain was feeling jealous of his brother, what did he do? (Cain disobeyed God and hurt his brother)*
 - *God knew that things like this would happen in families because families are full of people, and people are not perfect. We all sin and disobey and hurt the people we love. Thankfully, God still chooses to love us even though no family is perfect.*
 - *One way can we show love to God and our family is by spending time every day reading the Bible and praying.*

LET'S PRACTICE

OPTION 1: COCONUT CUP SURPRISE

OPTION 2: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DO

1. Divide kids into two teams. Give each team five **Fish Cards** to start the game.
2. Have kids close their eyes. Spread the remaining seven Fish Cards and **Jellyfish Cards** in the center of the group, picture side up. Place a "coconut" **cup** over each card to hide them.
3. Have teams take turns removing a cup. When a fish is found, read a question from the **Game Sheet** and the team will keep the card. When a jellyfish is found, read the back of the card. Continue playing until all seven Fish Cards are found. The team with the most cards wins!
4. Have kids repeat: (Motions optional for 4-5)
No Family (crisscross arms in front of body)
Is Perfect (two thumbs up)

1. How would you describe the "perfect family"?
2. In the Bible, how do we see that no family is perfect?
3. What are some of the ways families are not perfect?
4. How does God feel about families?
5. Have kids repeat:
No Family (crisscross arms in front of body)
Is Perfect (two thumbs up)

LET'S PRAY

PRAY

Hey God! Thank You for giving us families to love us! Help us to remember that no family is perfect, but we can do our best to love the people in our families by spending time with You every day. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

There's a verse in the Bible that helps us know how to treat everyone we know like family. Let me teach it to you! Say this after me:

"Love each other (hug self)
as brothers and sisters (one arm out, then the other)
and honor others (arms forward, palms out)
more than you do yourself." (thumbs to chest)
Romans 12:10 (make book with hands)

Practice the verse by playing "Hula Moves." Have the group say the verse together while doing the following moves: surfing, playing the drum, doing the hula, playing the ukulele.

Have kids share ideas about how they can love and honor others. Remind kids they will win a prize if they memorize the verse by the end of the series!