

# EUROPEAN FAMILY CONFERENCE 2020

# HANDBOOK

*(English)*

## WORKSHOP ONE: GOD LOVES US

### **Verse**

God is love.

1 John 4:8b

### **Song**

I believe God! I believe God!  
He has done so much for me!  
Caring for me so faithfully!  
Oh, I believe, I believe,  
I believe, I believe,  
I believe, I believe — God!

### **Group Time Activities**

#### **1. Make Song Actions**

Together with your family, make up song actions to “I believe God”. Then sing the song with actions to teach the other families in your group. You can also take a photo of your family singing

the song with actions and send to us so that we can share the photo in the next session.

## **2. Discussion**

Discuss what you do in your family to show love for one another. Then share with the other families in your group what you have discussed. You can also write down what you have discussed and send it to us so that we can share your response in the next session.

## **3. Craft - Family Holding Hands**

Watch the video again and follow the instructions on how to make the family holding hands.

Material List: A pencil, colouring pencils or felt pens, scissors, and a few pieces of white, coloured or scrap paper.

Challenges:

- See how many people you can make from one piece of paper.
- Decorate the people to look like your family.
- Send in a picture of your family doing the craft.

## **Additional Activity**

Phone or message a relative to tell them how much you love them and miss them.

# WORKSHOP TWO: GOD MADE THE UNIVERSE

## **Verse**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
Genesis 1:1

## **Song**

Did the mountains and the trees just happen?  
Were the flowers always there?  
Did the stars put themselves in the sky?  
NO!  
God put them there!

Did the lions and the bears just happen?  
Were the birds always in the air?  
Did the fish put themselves in the sea?  
NO!  
God put them there!

## **Group Time Activities**

### **1. Discussion: Guess the Creator**

Each person in your family will select an object that they have made. The families will then take turns displaying the set of objects to the other families in the cluster to see if they can guess which family member made each item. This shows how much we can learn about the creator from the creation that he has made!

### **2. Craft – Planet Corner Bookmarks**

Watch the video and follow the instructions on how to make it.

## **Material List**

Colouring pencils or felt pens, scissors, a printout of the pattern Workshop 2, or a clean piece of white, coloured or scrap paper with the same pattern traced onto it.

## **Procedure**

1. Either begin with the pattern in the workbook, or draw a square on a piece of paper (Or begin with a square sheet of paper). Draw a center line so that there are 2 triangles. On the top part of the diamond draw a circle. On the bottom part of the diamond draw 2 triangles on either side of a square.
2. Cut the square out (if needed).
3. Fold the diamond using the center line.
4. Fold the 2 sides of the diamond into the middle.
5. Unfold and fold the corner of the small square into the opposite corner
6. Tuck the corners of the right and left small triangles over this.
7. Turn diamond over and cut along the circle.
8. Color your planet.

Challenge: Write a new verse to “Did the mountains and the trees just happen?”. Sing the verse to your group next time or send a recording in so everyone can enjoy it!

## **WORKSHOP THREE: BREAKFAST WITH** **MR. MÜLLER**

Please visit the European Family Conference website to download the story.

### **Verse**

Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.  
Psalm 23:1

### **Song**

The Bible is \*\*\*\* (clap four times)  
the Word of God!\*\*\*\*  
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### **Group Time Activities**

1. Discuss first with your family about the times when you had prayed for something and the outcomes and share it with other families.

### **Craft / Additional Activity**

1. Look around for things in your home that the Lord has provided for your family through parents, relatives, or friends. Did you thank God for these items? (Remember that oftentimes when people give something, they have to let go of it.)
2. Make a list of good (not old or junky) things that you have chosen to give away to others to help them (just like the baker or the milkman)
3. Talk about how giving like that made you feel. God loves cheerful givers!

## **Extended Family Activity**

1. To remember the story about the baker bringing fresh bread to the orphans,
2. bake bread (or cupcakes) at home together with your children for your
3. family breakfast. Alternatively, heat some bread in an oven or toaster.
4. Give thanks to God for providing your family with bread and milk for breakfast.

# WORKSHOP FOUR: GOD MADE FAMILIES

## **Verse**

Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named.  
Ephesians 3:15

## **Song**

I love my mum and dad.  
I love my family.  
Brothers and sisters I love, too.  
I treasure my family.

## **Group Time Activities**

### **1. Sing!**

Sing “I love my mum and dad” to one another and make up song actions.

### **2. Question Activity**

Answer the questions below with your family. Then tell the other families in your group your answers to each question and discover how different and wonderful each family member is!

- Who is the best cook in your family?
- Who can draw the best in your family?
- Who is the shortest? Tallest?
- Who has the darkest eyes? Lightest eyes?
- Who can clap the loudest?
- Who can do the splits the best?
- Who can jump on their left leg the most times?
- Who helps with cooking for the family?
- Who can run the fastest?

- Who in your family plays which sport?

### **3. Game “Mummy Says”**

To play this game, one member of the family will begin by saying “Mummy says” and will say a certain action, but at the same time will do a different action. For example, someone might say, “Mummy says stomp your feet” while they clap their hands. The others need to do the action that the person says (stomping feet) and not what they do (clapping hands).

Take turns among the family members and the different families in the group to play the game. (Note: “Mummy says” can be substituted with “Daddy says” or the names of the children, depending on who is speaking.)

## **Puzzle Craft**

Create a puzzle that can be mailed to another family in another country. You will be provided the names and address of another family to whom you can mail your family puzzle. You can also look out in the mail to receive a puzzle from another family!

Material List: Cardboard or thick paper, scissors, pens, a large envelope, and a pencil.

For detailed instructions, please watch the video on the European Family Conference website.