

The Family of Christ

Hello!

Who is in your family? Do you have brothers, sisters, cousins, ...? I have a brother, cousins, an aunt, lots of friends. My friends are not part of my family but they are really important to me.

Now, I love my family, and the people in my family are very special to me. Relatives are a wonderful gift from God. God gives us parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins. But families are never perfect! we may argue from time to time! We are human, and our earthly families won't always be what we might hope.

Our video story talks about the first family in the bible, God and the animals were their friends, the serpent played a trick and the consequence was they got each other into trouble with God.

Did you know that we are part of another kind of family? We belong to God. When Jesus was on Earth, he had a family and in today's story his family wanted to get him into trouble!

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus returned home. 🌟 He didn't even have time to eat before a crowd gathered to see him. Jesus' family were worried about him, because people were saying he was crazy, and they tried to stop him. The scribes who came from Jerusalem 🌟 said, 'He has Satan's power and he's using it to cast out evil spirits.'

But Jesus told them a parable. 'How can Satan get rid of Satan? 🌟 If the people in a kingdom fight against each other, they will destroy their own kingdom. If members of the same family fight against each other, they will destroy their own family. And if Satan fights against Satan, he will destroy himself.'

Jesus said, 'Let me tell you another story. No one can enter the house of a strong man, and steal all his possessions, without tying him up first. Once he is tied up, then the house can be robbed! Listen carefully. There is nothing that you can do or say that can't be forgiven. But if you speak against God's Holy Spirit, you will never be forgiven.'



Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived and sent a message for him to come. The crowd sitting with Jesus said, 'Your mother, brothers and sisters are waiting outside for you.' Jesus asked, 'Who are my mother and brothers?' He looked around at each person there and said, 'Here they are. Each one of you who lives according to the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Mark 3:20-35

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In this story, people came up to Jesus and told him that his family were looking for him. Jesus had an interesting reply. He looked around at all the people who were listening to him, and said, "these are my brothers and sisters! Whoever does the will

of God is part of my family." Jesus wanted to emphasise that all people who loved and sought after God were welcome to be part of his family.

So what does that mean for us? It means that we can do God's will and be in Christ's family, too! Family is not just about being related, but being related by Jesus. God calls us his children, and he loves us and he wants us to love one another.

Something to make...

Why not make a church family tree and include all the names or drawings of your family and the friends you know at church? The friends could be grow-ups who have had lots of birthdays, or friends you play with who have had fewer birthdays! Here are some ideas, and let your imaginations have fun!

