



FAMILY STUDY

This Christian Life

Paul reminded the Ephesians of the wealth they had in Christ. He urged them to walk, and fight as a believer and he explains exactly what that means. Ephesus was the capital city of Asia Minor, it was the financial center of the Roman empire during that time. On Paul's second journey to Ephesus he stayed there for about three years teaching. When Paul wrote this letter to the Ephesians, he was chained to Roman guards--he was under house arrest.

Ephesians teaches us as it did the Christians in Ephesus how to daily live the Christian life.

Quiet on the Set!!

Objectives:	Get comfortable with your Bible reading aloud; Gain confidence in your knowledge of who you are in God; Practice acting out your faith; Gain insight into our own faith; Have fun with your family
Number of Players:	at least 2 teams of 2, you can have more teams, but keep the team members to 4 or less
Length:	15 - 30 minutes
Set up:	Explain the play and divide everyone into teams of 2-4 people. Cut apart the scripture references with their question intact on the next page and fold them in half; then put them in a hat or a bowl. Everyone should have their Bible available for use. Assign one person as timekeeper (they can still play, they just need to be aware of the time and let teams know how much time they have throughout the play. Prepare several small slips of blank paper enough for each person to have 2. These will be used at the end for final voting (and pens/pencils to write with).
The Play:	The objective is for each team to act out a scripture for the other teams who will be your audience. Use everyone on your team to play a part in your production. Begin the game with each team picking one slip of paper from the hat. This paper has a scripture and a question. Teams will move to separate corners of the room/house for 10 minutes to read your scripture, plan your production, come up with a team name and gather any props you would like to use in your performance. Be creative! Your team will then have up to 5 minutes to act out your scripture for your audience (you can add or subtract time to any of the game segments/use what works best for your family). When your team is not acting, you should be listening/watching quietly while the other teams perform. Once a team has finished their performance, they should read the scripture their performance is based on, then ask the audience the question that came with their scripture. Anyone from the audience may answer. The goal is to get everyone talking and applying the lessons in Ephesians to real life. Allow 5 minutes if needed after each performance for discussion. After every team has gone, give each person 2 slips of blank paper and something to write with. You will now vote for your favorite performance by writing a team name on the slip of paper. Each of you has two votes and you can vote for your own team with one of your votes, but you must place one of your votes for another team. Do a vote count and announce the winning team.



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Ephesians 1:3-7	What are our spiritual blessings?
Ephesians 2:1-6	When did God love you?
Ephesians 2:14-22	How are we being built together with Christ as the cornerstone and us as the building blocks?
Ephesians 4:2-3	How might the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the one?
Ephesians 4:17-5:8	What are some examples in your life of things you should put off or put on?
Ephesians 5:21-6:5	How as a family could we be obedient in this area?
Ephesians 6:10-24	How can we prepare for spiritual warfare every day?

Prayer: Close in prayer thanking God for His provision and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family.