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CHURCH@HOME

PREPARATION:

1. Turn off all distractions. All electronic devices should all be turned off and stowed. You might even try taking the phone off the hook.
2. Have everyone seated together so they can see everyone. No one off in a corner or in another room.
3. You're going to need a bible. You can have one you pass around to read or have each person bring their own. Your choice.
4. Get everyone involved. Take turns or assign roles - just as long as everyone is included.
5. Have fun. This is new. Just relax and enjoy the time together. Trust God to direct your time together.
6. These guides can also be found on www.myfaith.church

THIS MONTHS THEME: GREED

1. WORSHIP

The goal of this time is worship. We always want to begin with praise and thanksgiving.

- Say a quick prayer to begin. Ask God to bless your time together
- Sing a worship song or two about God's blessings or give thanks for a time when God provided.

2. SHARE

The goal of this time is to allow everyone to begin to open up and share. Remember not to interrupt or override, but everyone work hard to keep on topic.

Go around the room and allow everyone to answer:

- What are some things that people feel they need to always have the latest or greatest of?
- Has anyone ever gotten something that your really wished you had? What was it? How did you feel about it?

3. DISCOVER

The goal of this time is to look into God's word and begin uncovering truths

- Can anyone name the 10th commandment? Read **Exodus 20:17**
- Say: God takes this command just as seriously as He takes the commands against adultery, murder, stealing, and so forth.
- Share this definition of "covet": to have an inordinate or wrongful desire. Encourage family members to compare that definition to this definition of "greed": excessive desire to acquire or possess more (especially more material wealth) than one needs or deserves.
- To demonstrate that greed is not a small issue to Christ, read **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**. Note who greedy people are listed with
- How can this attitude be destructive. Share any relevant stories of this kind of attitude resulted in a negative outcome
- Say: We are often bombarded with cultural messages that tempt us to be greedy or to feel unsatisfied with what God has given us. We must remember that Jesus has promised to meet all our needs. Keeping our focus on Him will help us resist powerful messages that lead to greed.

4. APPLY

The goal of this time is finding ways to apply the truths from God's word.

- How much influence does media have on our desires? What can we do to maintain a spirit of contentment in the midst of this culture?
- Say: We need to wrestle with the basic question of whether or not we believe Christ is sufficient. If He is really all we need, the media's power to appeal to our greedy natures will be reduced. Paul said he knew how to be content in every situation—good or bad (Phil. 4:12). The secret rests in knowing Jesus as all we need.

5. PRAY

The goal of this time is to close out by going to God in prayer.

- Ask if there are any special prayer needs.
 - Pray you will be able to trust God for all your needs
- Gather together and pray.
 - Don't be afraid to allow God to move in this time of prayer. Powerful things happen when a family prays together.
- Group hug. Tell each other something that will encourage them