

Sunday School

Fair Dinkum Faithful Families

Session 2	Have ups & downs	Visiting Peter's family Matt 8:14-22	Maturity as community
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Small Groups: Doctor Doctor jokes

Use the joke cards to get some joke telling going (See appendix 2.1). Allow volunteers to choose a card to tell a joke or tell one of their own. Remember to keep it fun and clean. The phrase 'that's not a joke for this group' is a useful one.

Large Group Game: Find Your Family

Equipment: One slip of paper for every player. Papers should be in groups of five, (see appendix 2.2) and each group represents a family, for example, the Smiths. So the first Smith paper would be Mr Smith, the second Granny Smith, the third Brother Smith and so on. Each family should have a different last name, and a range of different family members. Each player is given one slip of paper and they must walk around trading papers with everyone else in the room. They should try to make as many exchanges as possible, and they should not be looking at which papers they are receiving. The leader then calls out "Find your family". The players must find the other members in their family. When they have found them, they must sit in line on the floor. The leader may also give out specific instructions, for example "Find your family without talking", "Find your family by singing your name" or "Find your family hopping on one leg".



Small groups: Who lives here?

In your small groups, print out a few copies of the first century house in appendix 2.3. Glue a line of these to one side of an A4 paper box.

On the other side glue some cut outs of houses from the real estate section of the newspaper.

Explain to the group that in Jesus time this is what the houses look like: let the kids point out the differences from our houses.

Also explain that in Jesus' time people usually lived in extended families, with several generations together. Use permanent black markers to draw stick figures representing the families living in each of the kinds of houses, both first and twenty first century.

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Large Group - Upfront Intro:

Large 'door' prop. Help from a couple of volunteers.

Girls and boys, we are continuing to think about the fairdinkum faithful families of the Bible today. Last time, we met a couple of (mime fishing and sniffing a fishy smell – let the group guess the word fishing) Fairdinkum faithful fishing families. And Jesus got the brothers on board as disciples, working together, and learning Jesus' way.

Fantastic. Well, today we are zooming in on one of those families – Peter's family. Remember Peter and his brother Andrew are both followers of Jesus. We're going to knock on their door and see who's home. (Call up a volunteer to knock on the door – try a couple of times). Hmm, no one is answering, maybe no one is home... Let me just check I've got this story right, here it is Matthew chapter 8..."Jesus went to the home of Peter, where he found that Peter's mother in law was sick in bed with fever."

Ahhh... that explains it – there's no answer cos she's sick in bed. We might just open the door a little bit (sound of slight moaning from behind the door) – ooooh, doesn't sound good.

(Tell the person who has volunteered to return to their seat, and thank them for doing a wonderful job.)

But I have a feeling things are going to change in this household.

¹⁴Jesus went to the home of Peter, where he found that Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with fever. ¹⁵He took her by the hand, and the fever left her. Then she got up and served Jesus a meal

(Choose another volunteer)

We are going to knock on the door and see what's going on now.

(Volunteer knock on door – no answer, try another couple of times)

Woman carrying garbage opens door gives garbage to speaker, says "I'm feeling better than ever" then calls out "Anyone for seconds? Jesus, more bread? Peter? Andrew?" As she closes the door behind her and disappears.

(Tell the person who has volunteered to return to their seat, and thank them for doing a wonderful job.)

That must be Peter's mother in law: she looks well.

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Do you know what happened next?

Remember that Peter's big family all live together in a small village, with houses close to other houses...and news travels fast. So....

¹⁶That evening many people with demons in them were brought to Jesus. And with only a word he forced out the evil spirits and healed everyone who was sick. ¹⁷So God's promise came true, just as the prophet Isaiah had said,

"He healed our diseases and made us well."

By evening there was knock after knock after knock on the door, of people who wanted to see Jesus. Lots of fair dinkum families had their ups and downs, sickness and worries and all kinds of bad stuff...

Who wants to come and knock on the door?

(Allow a whole bunch of kids to come and knock on the door and go through - if it is practicable - or if not just return to their places.)

I don't know what your household is like, or what happens in your fair-dinkum family, but I think in most families there are ups and downs like in Peter's family. People get sick (like Peter's mother in law), new friends arrive (like Jesus), things don't happen the way we are used to (Granny was too sick to make her usual dinner), and unexpected things happen (like a whole lot of people arriving at the door). God is with us in our families in the ups and downs. We can talk to him about the troubles our families have, and remember that he's with us when we're having a great time too.

Opening the Bible Matthew 8



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In your small group

Quick - Draw

Give each person in your group some scrap paper and a texta and a copy of the passage. Leader reads the passage and pauses on various words, calling 'Quick-draw'. The group race to be the first to draw a stick-figure sketch of the last word read (Leader may repeat the word as necessary.)



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Consider



Medicine

Medicine in the first century was not very reliable.

Here are some popular ideas from the time. In your small group make first century first aid kit, using crafty junk to represent the different substances. (eg: ping pong balls for eggs, Bubble wrap covered in yellow cellophane for honey comb, pink lumpy play dough for liver).

“Unwashed wool supplies very many remedies.....it is applied....with honey to old sores. Wounds it heals if dipped in wine or vinegar....yolks of eggs....are taken for dysentery with the ash of their shells, poppy juice and wine. It is recommended to bathe the eyes with a decoction of the liver and to apply the marrow to those that are painful or swollen.” (Pliny)

Shadow Puppets:

Cut out shadow puppet template pieces and join together with split pins, attach bamboo skewers on arms and legs to operate. Make a simple shadow puppet theatre with a sheet and a strong desk lamp set up behind it. Some members of the group can hold the sheet up for others as they perform, or it can be set on a frame.

Practice making the puppets lie down in bed and get up and serve. Some extra 'broom' or 'saucepan' shadow shapes could add to this.



Consequence



Blanket prayers:

Cut out 'patchwork' sized squared from scrap material. Each person can choose several pieces and write or draw prayers for their family, or for sick people, for the community, for families around the world. These can then be joined together either with a hot glue gun or simple hand stitching: each person sews two together, then two pairs together, and so forth until all are joined. Alternatively, if you have a sewing machine and someone to operate it, let that person quickly sew all of the squares together.



Doctor Doctor Joke Cards

Doctor, doctor,
everyone says I'm invisible.

Who said that?

Doctor Doctor!
I think I'm a goat!

How long have you felt like this?

Since I was a kid!

Doctor, doctor,
I feel like a camera.

I'll be with you in a flash.

Doctor, Doctor
I feel like a spoon?

Sit still and don't stir!

Doctor, Doctor
I think I'm a cat?

How long has this been going on?

Oh, since I was a kitten I guess!

Doctor, Doctor
Every time I drink a cup of coffee I get this stabbing pain in my eye!

I suggest you take the spoon out!



Find your Family cards

Mr Smith

Uncle Toby
Nike

Granny Smith

Mama Nike

'Mutley' Smith
(the dog)

Jane Nike

Jeremy Smith

Jason Nike

Jesse Smith

Nike Nike
(the goldfish)



Find your Family cards

Mrs Mac

Mr Smiggle

Mr Mac

Susie Smiggle

Ronald Mac

Auntie Sal
Smiggle

Rosie Mac

Sam Smiggle

Rowena Mac

'Squawker'
Smiggle
(the cockatoo)



Find your Family cards

Grandpa
Google

Tran Cottee

Mrs Google

Tina Cottee

Gerry Google

Tim Cottee

'Fluffy' Google
(the guinea pig)

Tom Cottee

'Floppy' Google
(the guinea pig)

'Sweetie'
Cottee
(the cat)



Find your Family cards

Sandy Beaches

Mr Sim

Rocky Beaches

Stephanie Sim

'Salty' Beaches
(the turtle)

Simon Sim

Mrs Beaches

Sarah Sim

Mr Beaches

'Scruffy' Sim
(the dog)



Who lives here?

