



LESSON

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FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP TIME

Zealous Heart: Being Excited About God

Objective: Students learned that being excited about God will help them become more like Jesus.

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:4 *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice.”* (ESV)

Bible Story: Jesus is Zealous and Enters Jerusalem on a Donkey (Luke 2:41-51 and Matthew 21:7-9, 15-16)

Action Steps:

- 1. Bible Time:** As a family, read *Jesus is Zealous and Enters Jerusalem on a Donkey*, and discuss how the people showed that they were zealous for Jesus. Discuss reasons why your family can be zealous for Jesus.
- 2. Scripture Memory:** Practice singing or reciting the memory verse each day as a family.
- 3. Practice:** Review what it means to have a zealous heart for God, to be excited about God and following His commands. Remind the kids that God has given them excitement for Him, and that is a good thing! Put on some worship music for your kids and tell them they can practice having a zealous heart by singing, dancing, or playing instruments to God and Jesus. Discuss how they can let their excitement about Jesus show to others, so other people will want to know Him too! **Place stickers or checkmarks next to ZEALOUS on your Character Trait Sticker Chart every time you catch your children displaying a zealous heart for Jesus.**
- 4. Model:** Allow your kids to see your excitement for God by talking about what great things He is doing in your life and the lives of others. During Bible time, discuss the amazing things God has done with excitement and awe. Children will pick up character traits more easily when they see a good model from parents! ☺