

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP ACTIVITY

INTRODUCTION

SPEAK: Say, “Today, we are going to read a story and then talk about what it means for us as Christians.”

PRAY: Pray with your kids that God would show his heart more clearly to your family through this story. Ask God to show YOU more of who He is through the lesson today too.

LESSON

Read the book, “You are Special” by Max Lucado. If you do not own the book, click on the following link for the read-aloud online version:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15QuHy-gLwFU>

DISCUSSION

CONVERSE: Choose a handful of questions from the list below to discuss with your family. Some of the questions are more complex, and some are simpler, so you can make it work with any ages of children you have.

1. Have you ever felt like Punchinello before?
2. How is Punchinello like us?
3. How is Eli like God?
4. Why do you think Eli is portrayed as a wood-carver or woodworker?
5. What do “star stickers” mean?
 - a. How do we give others “star stickers” with our words and actions?
6. What do “dot stickers” mean?
 - a. How do we give others “dot stickers” with our words and actions?
7. What did it mean if you were covered with star stickers?
8. What did it mean if you were covered with dot stickers?
9. How was Lucia different than every other Wemmick?
10. Why didn’t the stars and dots stick to Lucia?
11. Stars are supposed to be good words people tell you. Why don’t they stick to Lucia?
12. Why doesn’t Eli care about how many dots Punchinello has?
13. Is Eli mad at Punchinello for all his bad marks/dots?
14. Based on the story, why do you matter to God?
15. How do we not let other people’s words (stickers) stick to us—good or bad?

ACTIVITY

CREATE: You will need- construction paper, scissors, crayons, and tape.

- Use any color construction paper you have in the house to create one star and one dot per child.
- Write or draw in a time on the star when someone said something great about you that made you feel better than anyone else.
- Likewise, write or draw in a time on the dot when someone said something about you that hurt your feelings.
- Putting tape on the back, stick both the star and dot cutouts to yourself.
- Have each child take turns praying that God would help them hear what God

CONCLUSION

SPEAK: Say, “Even though the people around us can make us feel good or bad, God doesn’t want us to focus on that. He wants us to focus on what He thinks of us as. We are His Children (Ephesians 5:8), Called (2 Peter 1:3), Chosen (Revelation 17:14), Victorious (1 Corinthians 15:57), Loved (John 3:16), Worthy (Zephaniah 3:17), etc.

READ: Psalm 139:17-18

PRAY: Pray together as a family to end your lesson.