



God's family – more than blood relations

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Mark 3:31–35; Psalm 68:6



Topic

Belonging



Takeaway

Everyone belongs to God's family – including those with little support at home



10–15 minutes



Object: a group photo of your scout group



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Belonging". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Show the group photo. Ask: What makes a family for you?

3 min

Bible text

Jesus is sitting in a crowded house, teaching. His mother and brothers arrive and send someone to call him out. Jesus looks round at the people and says: "Here are my mother and my brothers and sisters! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." Jesus does not reject his family – on the cross he even makes sure his mother is cared for. But he opens the idea wide. The psalms say: "God sets the lonely in families."

5 min

Thought

Not everyone has a family that holds them up. Some have lost parents, live apart, or face conflict at home. God's family does not ask where you come from. A church, a scout group, a group of friends can become a place where someone belongs – not as a replacement, but as extra support. That is both a gift and a task.

5 min

Conversation

Who around you could use a bit of family?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, thank you that I can belong to your family. Make us a community where everyone finds a home. Amen.



To think further

- What makes a family for you – origin, love, commitment?
- How can we as a group be family for someone without overstepping boundaries?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



Section: Holidays and occasions. You will find matching group meetings and more devotions at scouts-cloud.com.