

Family Time



Big Idea: GOD LONGS FOR US TO SEE HIM—AS HE REALLY IS.

Many people see God as a cosmic vending machine that will give us whatever we want. The truth is, God loves us too much to give us what we want; He gives us what we need.



Key Verse: JEREMIAH 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.



Watch: “Vending Machine”

(cbcbastrop.org/4G.html)

Set up the video for your family: *“We’re going to watch a video that tells a story to teach us something about God. Let’s pay attention and see if we can discover what the story says about God.”*



Talk: What was the point of the video? What did it teach about God?

Even though the first two kids got what they wanted from the vending machine, they ended up being very frustrated. Why do you think this happened?

If God is always there for us, why does it sometimes feel like He’s far away?

The narrator ends the story by saying, “Maybe it’s better if we let God tell us who He is and base our picture of Him on what He says about Himself.” In your opinion, how can we let this happen?



Do: Ask these questions in the morning during breakfast or on the ride to school.

- If you could have anything from God, what would it be? How would you feel if you never got it?
- God knows the difference between our needs and our wants. What is one thing you absolutely need from God today?

If your kids have a mobile phone, text them a few times this week or put a note in their lunch box. Here are a few suggestions:

- I love that you want to know more about God. I’m excited that we are on this journey together as a family to explore God’s characteristics!
- I’m glad God gives us what we need! He’s not just a vending machine that gives us what we want.
- God is always there for us, and He loves to give good things.

