**Take the Church with you #2**

**We’re Going to Be Spending a Lot of Time Together**

On vacations, families spend more time together than they usually do during a typical day or week. During a regular week, family members are running around doing their own thing—going here and there and everywhere! But now you’re on vacation. Look at those around you and say, “We’re going to be spending a lot of time together!” Okay, let’s be honest. When we spend this much time with someone, some stressful times are likely. Others may do things that get on our nerves. We don’t always want to do the same things. Arguments might start. We may even wish we had more time alone. But there’s good news!

**Read:** Philippians 2:1-11 *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,* ***2*** *then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.* ***3*** *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,* ***4*** *not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.* ***5*** *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:* ***6*** *Who, being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;* ***7*** *rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature[* *b* *] of a servant, being made in human likeness.* ***8*** *And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross* ***9*** *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,* ***10*** *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* ***11*** *and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Discuss** :

• How does Christ show his love?

• Remember that you’re not perfect and your family’s not perfect.

• Try to treat others the way you want them to treat you.

 • Spend some time laughing together (with, not at, each other!)

• Respect each other and love each other as Jesus loves you.

• Thank God for each person around you. Try looking at each other as a special gift God has given you.. And while we’re all in this together, God is ultimately in control and in charge! Enjoy the trip . . . and those around you!

**Prayer** : Lord Jesus, thank you for being patient with me. I will always need your love and forgiveness. Help me to learn to be patient and loving with everyone around me. I love you, Jesus. Amen.

**Activity** : Write down each person’s name in your family on a separate piece of paper and put them in a hat. Draw one family member’s name at a time. Have everyone else in the family say what he or she loves about that family member. List as many unique and wonderful qualities about each person as possible.

**Suggested praise songs for family worship**

“Indescribable”

“Shout the Lord”

“If I were a butterfly”

“How great is our God”

“I lift my eyes “

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

“Lord, I need you”

“Beautiful name”

“Lord. I lift your name on high”

“Open the eyes of my heart, Lord”