



## WEEK 2 | CONNECT GROUP

### This Dude Calls Us Family!

**SUPPLIES:** Washable Markers & Paper

#### FAMILY TIME

**SAY:** Welcome to home church, and our new series, That Dude is Perfect! As we get started, we're going to go around the circle and share something special that you admire about mom or someone who cares for you!

**SAY:** Wow, you shared some amazing things about your moms or those that care for you! You know, not everyone has a mom but we all have people who care for us and love us! This is our family! Speaking of family, that has something to do with our big answer today. Our big answer is: That Dude Calls Us Family! Say it with me:

THAT DUDE (point up) CALLS US FAMILY (push arms out and open)!

**WATCH** the PVC Kids, That Dude is Perfect Week 2 Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPIB3KhBu8loJZjeamxLQ>

#### DISCUSSION TIME

**SAY:** We watched a story about two women named Ruth and Naomi. They had a special relationship and we are going to dive deeper into how that applies to our big answer today.

**ASK:**

- Was Ruth Naomi's "real" daughter? *No* That's right, but Ruth and Naomi still cared for one another!
- Do you think it would have been hard for Ruth to leave her home and friends? *Yes*
- It was probably very hard for Ruth to leave those things, but family is most important and Ruth knew Naomi needed someone to be there for her! Who else calls us family? *Jesus*
- Just like our Earthly families care for us, can you think of a way that Jesus is a true friend and cares for us, too? *Allow Responses*

**SAY:** That's great! You know on Mother's Day we have a special opportunity to show love to those who are special to us and help us grow!

## PRACTICE

**SAY:** Our moms and those who care for us are pretty special people! Let's use our time today to do something special for them this morning!

**GIVE** each child a **folded piece of paper**. **SAY:** This is going to be for mom or for someone who cares for you! We are going to make a flower card for her with our finger prints. On our finger prints we are going to write words that describe her. We learned today that, that dude calls us family and not only does he want us to love him, but love the family He has given us. Just like Ruth and Naomi loved and cared for one another.

**SAY:** First, we are going to draw the center of our flower. Next we are going to use our fingers to make the petals of the flower. **MODEL** the next few steps for kids. You will use the **washable marker** to color your finger tip and then press it around the center of the flower to make the petals.

**ALLOW** kids to create the flower petals before moving on. Then **SAY:** Now, earlier we shared words that described mom or those who care for you! We are going to write those by the petals.

**ALLOW** kids to complete their words and then encourage them to write something inside the card for mom!

## TALK TO GOD

**SAY:** Now, as we close service today, let's repeat our memory verse together.

"SO NOW I AM GIVING YOU *(push arms out, as if offering a gift)* A NEW COMMANDMENT: *(make book with hands)* LOVE EACH OTHER *(pat heart)*. JUST AS I *(point up)* HAVE LOVED YOU *(make heart with hands)*, YOU SHOULD LOVE *(pat heart)* EACH OTHER *(point to others)*."

-JOHN *(make "J" with hand)* 13:34 *(hold up three then four fingers)*

**SAY:** One of the ways that we can practice loving each other, is to take time to pray!

**ASK** your kids to share any prayer requests before you pray together.

Dear God,

Thank you for calling us family and for giving us a family to love us here on this Earth. I pray that these kids enjoy celebrating those that love them on this special day! -AMEN