

Family Theme | **God's Design for Purity** Date | **February 2, 2025**

Study Text | **Jeremiah 29:1-7; Genesis 39:1-9; Genesis 2:18-25**

Read the Word: Jeremiah 29:1-7; Genesis 39:1-9; Genesis 2:18-25

Disciple Your Family: Discuss modeling God's design for purity by living godly, productive lives, building a strong Christian family, and engaging the people around us.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

 **Key Truth: Model God's Design for Purity by Living Godly, Productive Lives (Jeremiah 29:1-5; Genesis 39:1-9)**

APPLY: Do what is good, right, and productive, even in unwanted circumstances.

- *How does doing what is good, right, and productive help us through difficult circumstances?*

APPLY: Be a godly, productive person who models God's design for purity.

- *How might working hard and being productive help us stay sexually pure? (Keeps us occupied with good, constructive activities; leaves less idle time for sinful, nonproductive activities; etc.)*
- *Why is it important to make a commitment to sexual purity long before we encounter temptation? What might that commitment look like?*

APPLY: Stay focused and occupied on worthwhile activities. This helps decrease the pull of temptation.

- *In what ways did Joseph set a great example of how to be godly, productive, and sexually pure?*
- *Had Joseph given in to temptation, it's possible no other person (besides Potiphar's wife) would have known about his sin. How do anonymity and secrecy increase the pull of sexual temptation?*
- *What are some precautions Christians can take to avoid falling into the trap of "secret" sexual sins?*

 **Key Truth: Model God's Design for Purity by Building Strong Christian Families and Engaging the People Around Us (Jeremiah 29:6-7; Genesis 2:18-25)**

APPLY: Model God's design for strong families to the people around you.

- *What would it look like to model God's design for a strong family? What would that include?*
- *How can Christians who are single model God's design for sexuality? What influence might this have on younger generations?*

APPLY: Teach children to love and follow God and to walk in His ways, including God's design for sexuality.

APPLY: Spend informal time with those you are mentoring looking for opportunities to talk about various subjects including being productive and living out God's design for sexuality.

- *What does it look like to live out God's design for sexuality?*
- *How might a mentoring relationship help a younger Christian stay on the right path? How might it help the older Christian?*

APPLY: Engage the people around you, pray for them, and demonstrate the blessings of living according to God's plan.

- *What are some ways we can engage and influence our neighbors, coworkers, and fellow believers?*
- *There is a quote that is erroneously attributed to Francis of Assisi that says, "Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words." Why must our engagement with others involve both words **and** actions?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Who helps and guides us into making choices that reflect living a pure life?
- What are ways sin affects not just the sinner, but also the church?
- How can staying in God's Word help you live a pure life?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **1 Corinthians 13:13**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

There is only one God who exists as three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is the Trinity.

Everyday Extras:

Show a sponge to family members. *A sponge works by absorbing the liquid around it. If you place it in clean water, that's what it will absorb, and it can be used to clean up messes. If you put it in dirty water, it will be filled with that. Our minds and hearts are like the sponge. What we see and hear affects our thoughts, words, and actions.* Add clean water to the sponge as you name different things we see and hear. Continue until the sponge is full, and then squeeze it out. *We need to make sure we are filling our hearts and minds with the right things, so our thoughts, words, and actions demonstrate pure living.*

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned when Jesus was on the cross, the thief beside Him said he was sorry for his wrong choices. Jesus knew the man's heart and forgave the man's sin. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so we all could have forgiveness for our sin. Jesus wants us to follow His example and forgive others. **I Can Be More Like Jesus** and be forgiving.