BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET

Marriage & Family Unity

Rooted in Christ. Growing in love. Protecting peace together.

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"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."
Proverbs 31:25

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of marriage, family, and the relationships that make a home. Forgive us for the times pride, impatience, distraction, or hurt has divided what You desire to strengthen.

Teach us to listen with humility, speak with grace, forgive with wisdom, and serve one another in love. Help us build a home where Your presence is welcomed, truth is honored, peace is protected, and each person is treated with dignity. Unite our hearts around You and give us courage to repair what has been damaged.

In Jesus' name, I pray,
Amen.

Name _____ Date _____

Bible Study Group _____ Leader _____

PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY

Unity does not mean sameness or a conflict-free home. It means choosing Christ, truth, respect, repair, and shared purpose when personalities, pressures, and needs differ. This study offers practical ways to build connection and peace.

[ ] Listen with humility [ ] Speak with grace [ ] Repair with wisdom [ ] Serve as a team

PART ONE

Let God Build the Home

A healthy home is not sustained by effort alone. We invite God to shape our priorities, character, decisions, and the atmosphere we create together.

> "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."
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> **PSALM 127:1**

KEY TRUTH

A Christ-centered home is not a perfect home. It is a home that repeatedly returns to God for wisdom, repentance, grace, and direction. Love becomes more than a feeling; it becomes a daily decision to honor God in how we treat one another.

REFLECT AND DISCUSS

1. What qualities make a home feel spiritually and emotionally safe?

2. Where is your family already reflecting God's love well?

3. What pressure is your household trying to carry without inviting God into it?

OUR FOUNDATION

The value we most want our home to be known for:

One way we can place Christ at the center this week:

PART TWO

Listen First, Speak with Grace

Communication strengthens unity when each person feels heard, respected, and safe enough to tell the truth. The goal is understanding and repair, not winning.

> "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."
>
> **JAMES 1:19**

A HEALTHY CONVERSATION

Instead of	Practice	A helpful phrase
Interrupting	Listen to understand	Tell me more.
Assuming motives	Ask a curious question	What did you mean by that?
Attacking character	Describe the specific issue	When this happened, I felt...
Using always / never	Stay with the present concern	Can we talk about what happened today?
Demanding instant answers	Allow a respectful pause	Let's return to this at ___.

1. What communication pattern creates the most distance in your home?

2. What helps you feel heard without expecting another person to agree with everything?

3. Which phrase from the table could help your next difficult conversation?

PAUSE PRAYER

Lord, slow my reaction, guard my tone, help me hear what is underneath the words, and let truth and love guide my response.

PART THREE

Forgive, Repair, and Rebuild Trust

Every close relationship needs repentance and forgiveness. Repair becomes possible when harm is named honestly and change is demonstrated consistently.

> "Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
>
> **COLOSSIANS 3:13-14**

FORGIVENESS AND REPAIR

[ ] Name the harm truthfully
[ ] Take responsibility
[ ] Offer a sincere apology
[ ] Make a practical change
[ ] Respect needed boundaries
[ ] Allow trust to grow over time

A MEANINGFUL APOLOGY

I was wrong when I _____. I understand that it affected you by _____. I am sorry. I will work to change by _____. What do you need from me now?

1. Why is forgiveness different from pretending nothing happened?

2. What behavior makes an apology feel sincere and safe?

3. Is there a repair conversation, changed behavior, or boundary that is needed?

SAFETY AND DIGNITY

Biblical unity never requires enduring abuse, coercion, threats, violence, or controlling behavior. Forgiveness does not remove accountability or force immediate reconciliation. When safety is at risk, seek support from qualified professionals, trusted leaders, or emergency services.

PART FOUR

Carry Life Together

Strong families learn to share burdens, celebrate strengths, and treat one another as teammates rather than competitors or opponents.

> "Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."
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> **ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10**

FAMILY TEAM CHECK

Mark the areas that need a clearer conversation or more shared effort.

[ ] Household responsibilities [ ] Parenting decisions [ ] Finances [ ] Schedules and rest

[ ] Spiritual life [ ] Emotional support [ ] Extended family [ ] Fun and connection

1. What burden is one person carrying that could be shared more fairly?

2. What strength does each family member bring to the home?

3. Where do expectations need to be stated clearly instead of assumed?

4. How can family members support one another without controlling or rescuing?

TEAMWORK STATEMENT

We are not enemies. The problem is the problem. With God's help, we can face it together with truth, respect, prayer, and practical action.

PART FIVE

Choose the Culture of Your Home

Family culture is formed by repeated words, habits, priorities, and responses. Small faithful rhythms can create belonging and strengthen spiritual unity.

> "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
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> **JOSHUA 24:15**

OUR FAMILY UNITY PLAN

Three words we want to describe the atmosphere of our home:

One spiritual rhythm we will practice together:

One communication habit we will strengthen:

One household responsibility we will clarify or share:

One way we will protect rest, connection, or family time:

One relationship or concern we will pray over consistently:

SEVEN-DAY UNITY PRACTICE

[ ] Pray together once
[ ] Eat without screens
[ ] Offer one apology
[ ] Express appreciation
[ ] Share one responsibility
[ ] Listen without fixing
[ ] Speak one blessing
[ ] Plan one joyful moment

OUR HOME PRAYER

Lord, let our home be a place of truth without cruelty, grace without denial, leadership without control, service without resentment, and love that reflects You.

CLOSING TOGETHER

Let Love Bind the Home Together

Unity is built through ordinary choices: listening again, apologizing sincerely, sharing a burden, praying together, honoring a boundary, and choosing love when it would be easier to withdraw.

CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, build our homes on the foundation of Christ. Heal what has been wounded, soften what has become hard, and give us courage to make needed changes. Teach spouses, parents, children, and extended family members to honor one another with truth and grace. Protect every person from harm and lead us toward wise support where relationships are unsafe or deeply strained. Make our homes places of peace, growth, laughter, prayer, and belonging. Amen.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

A united family is not a family without challenges. It is a family that keeps returning to God, keeps choosing repair, and keeps learning how to love one another well. One faithful change can begin a new pattern for generations.

CLOSING CIRCLE

One strength I am grateful for in my marriage or family:

One area where our home needs prayer and support:

MY DECLARATION

With God's help, I will protect peace, speak truth with love, practice forgiveness with wisdom, and help build a home where every person is treated with dignity.

Signature _____ Date _____