



JESUS EXPANDS OUR FAMILY

Family Devotional
Lent Week 3

CHAT ABOUT...

Grab a blank piece of paper and a pen/marker/crayon. Have your kids write their names in the middle of the paper, and draw a circle around them. Who else is connected in your family (parents, grandparents, cousins, etc.)? Write their names on the paper, draw a circle around it, and draw a line to each person.

FIND OUT ABOUT...

For families with older children, read Luke 8:16-21 from the Good News Bible, or Today's English Version. For families with younger children, tell the story below (this isn't in the Spark Bible).

Luke 8: 16-21

One day, Jesus was travelling town to town, city to city teaching people about God with the twelve disciples. Large crowds of people came to listen to Jesus. When Jesus talked to the people, he often talked in stories, which at times confused his disciples. Jesus said that he told stories to help people listen and understand.

When Jesus was telling one of these stories, Jesus' mothers and brothers came to see him. There was such a big crowd of people that they couldn't get Jesus' attention! Instead, they passed a message up through the crowd that eventually reached Jesus at the front. The person at the front said to Jesus, 'Jesus! Your family is standing on the edge of the crowd! When the person at the front said this, Jesus saw another opportunity to teach something to the crowd. Jesus said 'Ah! But my family is all around me, the people who hear God's word and put it into practice.'

I wonder...

- How did the people feel when Jesus said they were part of the family of God?
- What do you think it means to be a part of the family of God?

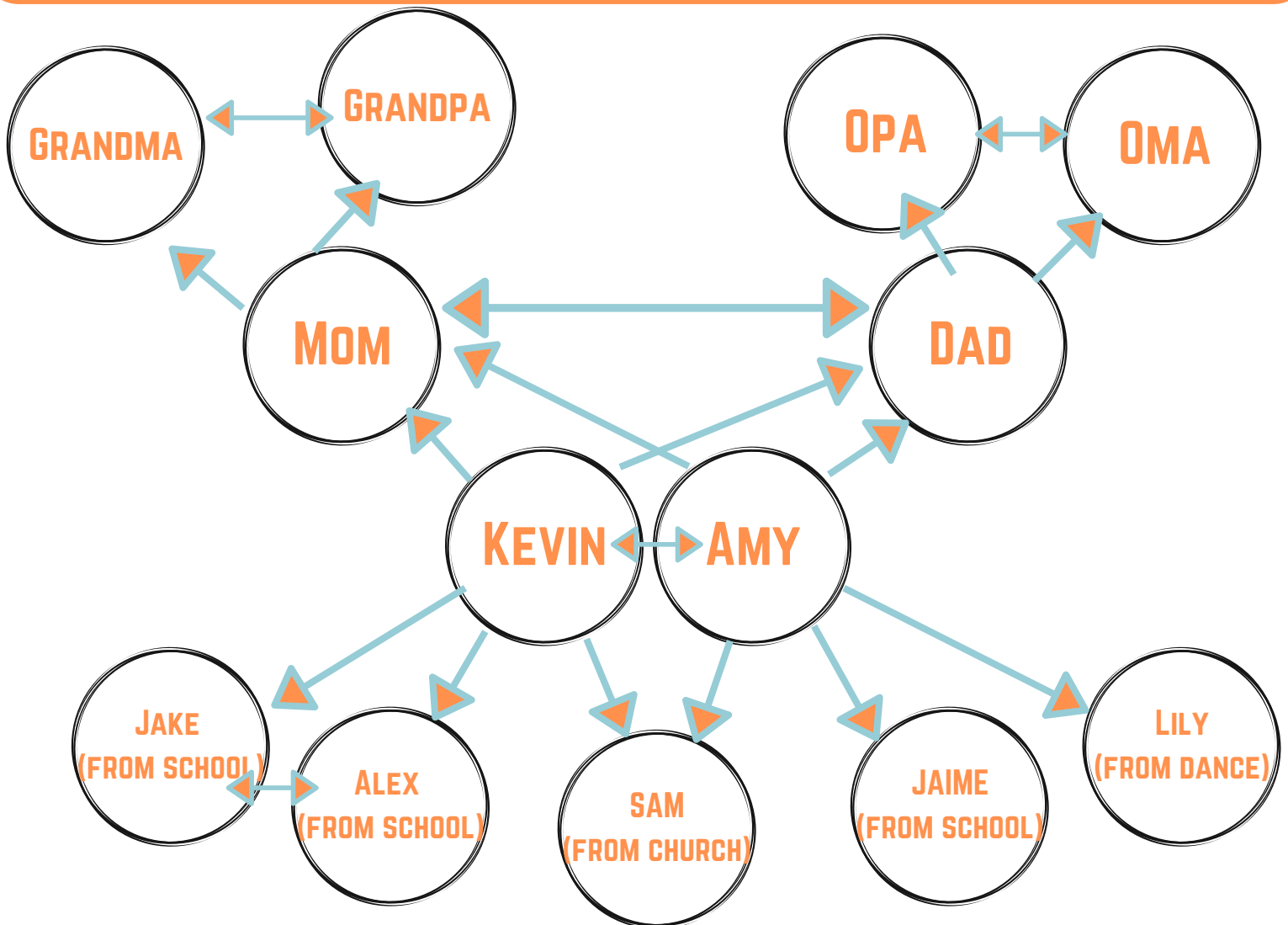
DO SOMETHING ABOUT...

Look back to your family drawing. Who else can you add? You can add friends, neighbours, people you know at church, etc.

TALK TO GOD ABOUT...

Dear God,

Thank you for all these wonderful people on our paper. We pray that you keep them safe and let them know that they are loved by you. Amen.



EXAMPLE OF A FAMILY DIAGRAM