

“God’s Pizza” Family Object Lesson

Learn how God the Father, Son, and Spirit help us build our lives on Jesus as we build a pizza.

Bible Verse: Read Matthew 7:24. Jesus said, *“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock” (NLT).*

Supplies for each person: Foil or parchment paper, Individual pizza crust (pitas or almond flour tortillas work), pizza sauce and spreader, shredded mozzarella or pizza cheese blend, favorite pizza toppings

Activity: Building God’s Pizza. As you add each ingredient, talk about what it represents.

- **Set out a crust on parchment paper.** Jesus tells us in John 6: 51, *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.”* Jesus is our bread, the crust of our pizza. As we listen to his teaching and follow him, we build our lives on Jesus as our foundation.
- **Spread pizza sauce on the pizza.** The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit hovered over the earth at creation like pizza sauce on our crust. The Holy Spirit came down to rest upon Jesus at his baptism and give him power to do miracles. He then came down to rest on Jesus’ followers to give them power. The Holy Spirit is God’s presence living inside us and resting on us to help us be like Jesus.
- **Set out shredded cheese but wait to put it on.** The love of God the Father is like the ooey, gooey cheese that binds everything together. As we read about how God loves us and invites us to be part of his family – God’s pizza – sprinkle cheese on our pizza when you hear the words “pour” and “showered.” (Cover half of the pizza with each word.)
Ephesians 1:4-8. *“Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.”*
- **Add toppings to pizza.** God made people to be the toppings on his pizza, adding variety and spice to life. Each us is uniquely created in God’s image to represent him as the visible part of his pizza. God’s love binds us to him like cheese keeps pizza toppings from falling off. When we do the things Jesus does and love people the way God loves us, people get a taste of God’s pizza through us!
- **Put pizza in the oven.** Individual pizzas usually bake at 400 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

While your pizza bakes or as you eat, talk about what would happen if any of the pieces were missing.

- **What would happen if there was no crust?** What happens if we don’t build our lives on Jesus? (You can read the rest of Jesus’ parable of the wise builder in Matthew 7:24-27.)
- **What would happen if you had crust but no sauce?** It might be good, but it wouldn’t be pizza. The Holy Spirit gives us power to do the good works of Jesus and love people the way God loves us. What would happen if we believed in Jesus but didn’t do the good things Jesus does?
- **What would happen if you had no cheese on the pizza?** How would the toppings stick to it? Are people likely to “stick” with God if they don’t believe he loves them? How can we share God’s love?
- **What kind of topping are you on God’s pizza?** (Explain why you think that topping represents you.) Do you think God likes lots of different kinds of toppings on his pizza? (Talk about variety in nature.)
- **Pray for God to help your family remain in his love, power, and truth as part of God’s pizza.**