

Use “The Scene” to introduce “The Family of God” the High School Sunday school lesson for May 24, 2020. The lesson is found on page 81 of *Young Teen Teacher* by 21st Century Christian.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

Many Christians this week are mourning the loss of the faithful servant Ravi Zacharias. Ravi was known for his passionate yet logical response to many of the hardest questions people ask of faith and life. And for many believers, he was looked at as a kind of father figure, or a wise uncle, or a brilliant and trustworthy grandfather.

For many weeks, the Christian community had prepared to hear this news, as it was announced some time ago that Ravi was suffering from the end stages of cancer, and that no more could be done medically to save him. But even as his body weakened, Ravi kept speaking strongly out for Christ, turning every conversation to God and what the Lord had done for him, according to his daughter.

It is at times like these that Christians draw together and feel keenly how we are all part of one large family. Even if we have never spoken, even if we have never seen one another, we can gather together and celebrate this amazing faithful life of a servant who, once he turned to Jesus, never apologized for standing on the truth of God’s Word. For more on his life, see his online obituary: <https://www.rzim.org/read/rzim-updates/ravi-zacharias-obituary>

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

Have you ever heard of Ravi Zacharias? If you haven’t, take some time to find out about his life and work. There are many videos of his speaking engagements online.

Have you ever felt close to someone you never met or saw? What made you feel close to them?

Believers are referred to as being part of the family of God. What does that mean to you? Do you feel like you can count on other believers as if they were family members?

We don’t have to be related by blood to be family. In a way, we are all part of the same family, related by the blood of Jesus. Let’s look at how people become members of God’s family.

