Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

A New Generation
NEW LIFE
THROUGH HIS WORD

Use "The Scene" to introduce *High School* Bible school Lesson 13.

Families who work together, play together, and support one another are in the news this week:
Generosity—On May 29, 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa guide, Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest in the country of Nepal. More than half a century later, the explorer's influence continues to be felt in that mountainous Asian nation. Hillary's granddaughter, 18-year-old Amelia Hillary, has followed in her family's footsteps by helping the Sherpa people of Nepal. Sir Edmund Hillary devoted much of his life to helping the Sherpa people and founded the Himalayan Trust to build many schools and hospitals in this remote region of the Himalayan Mountains. Amelia has already worked with her father, Peter Hillary, on several Himalayan development projects and wants to continue the work of her family.
Education—Moments after Robert Quinn accepted his bachelor of science degree from Cabrini College, he rushed to join his sister and parents so they could dash over to the Mann Music Center for his mom's graduation from Philadelphia University on the same day. While equally proud of each other, the experience has left the 22-year-old son with a new appreciation and respect for his 54-year-old mom. "I had a hard time at school as it was. I couldn't imagine filling her shoes and taking care of a family and college and full time job," said Robert.
Fortune—Ian Fleming created the fictional super spy, James Bond. Long after Fleming has stopped writing, Bond continues to enrich the Fleming family fortune. Writer Sebastian Faulks said that some of the profits from his novel, *Devil May Care*—the 23rd authorized Bond novel not written by Fleming—will be paid to Fleming's survivors. "Ian Fleming comes from the Fleming family, who are one of the richest families in Britain," Faulks said. "But like a lot of people they have remained very keen on making lots more money —that's the difference between rich people and us!"
Fun—Many families have a tradition of a family game night when the whole family plays board games together. But game pieces often get lost. Game manufacture Hasbro has created a solution for that problem by converting classic board games so that they can be played on the Wii and PS2. The company will soon release Hasbro Family Game Night, a video game hosted by Mr. Potato Head. Up to four players can compete in Battleship, Yahtzee, Boggle, Connect Four, and Sorry! on their family's TV screen.

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:

List some of the benefits of being a part of a family that you find in the stories above. What other benefits of being a part of a family would you add? Why are you glad to be part of a family?

Some businesses claim that their clients are treated like family. What do they mean? Why is that an attractive promise?

We do not have to be related by blood to be family. That is what the family of God is all about! We are related by the blood of Jesus. And the benefits of being a part of that family are great indeed. Today we will look at what it means to be a part of God's eternal family.

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