



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## EXPLORING YOUR FAMILY TREE



**Mark 3:20-35**

**"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."**

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Mark tells this story of what might seem like a strange encounter with Jesus and his family. It almost seems like Jesus does not know his own family! The important thing to learn and remember is that because of our relationship with God even our understanding of family becomes bigger.

Even as you think about the people you call your family, you can learn new things about them. A pioneer is someone in a group or family who is one of the first to do something. Maybe they move to a new country or area, graduate from college, or even just try something new. Heroes are people we look up to because of the lives they have led and the sacrifices they have made for others.

Look at your family tree and identify pioneers or heroes. Maybe they were/are immigrants, preachers, missionaries, veterans, scholars, settlers, scientists, inventors, people who worked really hard at their jobs or professions, made extraordinary sacrifices, etc.

Who in your family (past or present) was a pioneer or hero? Finding stories about what they achieved during their lives and then save those stories. The stories can inspire you and others as you learn from the experiences of your family. You can write the story (ies) or record it/them.

