What we learned:

Today, the children learned that God’s love for us motivates His jealousy. When people are jealous towards others it is a sin, but when God is jealous it’s because we have chosen to make idols (anything that takes the place of our affection for God) more important than He is. God has the right to be jealous because He created everything and everyone. (Scriptures used: Deuteronomy 10:14-16, Exodus 34:14, James 4:4b-5)

Memory Work:

"Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." Exodus 34:14 NIV

Write the verse on a sheet of paper with your child. Then ask him or her to cut the paper into medium-sized pieces of different shapes to make a puzzle of the verse. Help your child complete the puzzle and then see if he or she can complete it on his or her own. Put the puzzle together several times this week to help him or her remember the verse and reinforce what he or she learned during class.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:

Make a list of feelings associated with jealousy (such as anger, unhappiness, sadness, selfishness, etc). Help your child understand that only bad feelings result from human jealousy, but God’s jealousy is righteous because He created us and wants our affection to be on Him. It disappoints God when we give other things in our lives a higher priority than Him. This activity will help your child make the distinction that God’s jealousy is right, while human jealousy is wrong.

Daily Prayer:

God, please help us love You more than anything else. We know You love us because You are jealous for our affections. Give us the desire to worship only You so we may grow stronger in our faith. Amen.