

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



We all know God wants us to love others—it's one of the most important things Jesus taught. But let's be honest... actually doing it? That's not always easy, especially when life feels busy or like people aren't easy to love. In this 4-week series from the New Testament, we'll explore how Jesus shows us what loving others really looks like, challenging us to move away from the world's "me first" attitude and embrace his "after you" message as we follow his example. We'll learn that **Jesus shows us how to notice others' needs, Jesus asks us to care for each other, God's Spirit helps us serve others,**

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1

Jesus shows us how to notice others' needs.

Mark 6:30–44; Philippians 2:3–4; Psalm 84:3–4

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray and ask God to open your eyes to the needs of those around you.

GROW

So what's your next step? How often do you slow down enough to notice the needs of others? How can you follow Jesus' example by putting others before yourself? What practical step can you take today to show love in action? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2

Jesus asks us to care for each other.

Luke 10:25–37; 2 Thessalonians 1:11–12; Psalm 84:3–4

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

Pray for the wisdom to see where you can help, the compassion to act with love, and the strength to serve selflessly.

GROW

So what's your next step? What might it look like to love your neighbor the way Jesus calls you to? How can you create space in your daily life to care for others, even when it's inconvenient? Are there ways your community could come together to support someone in need? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

God's Spirit helps us serve others.

1 Corinthians 12:12–21; Romans 12:3–5; Psalm 98:1–2



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Pray for guidance on how to use your gifts to serve others with love and humility.



GROW

So what's your next step? How has God uniquely equipped you to serve others? Are you using your gifts fully, or is there a way you could step out in faith to serve in new ways? How can you encourage and support others as they use their gifts, too? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

God invites us to share our joy.

Matthew 4:18–22, 5:14–16; Romans 15:13; Isaiah 12:6



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Pray for opportunities to be a light in someone's life, to encourage those around you, and to reflect God's goodness in all you do.



GROW

So what's your next step? What brings you the most joy in your relationship with God? How can you share that joy with others this week? What simple ways can you celebrate and express the joy that comes from knowing God? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.