

Together Time

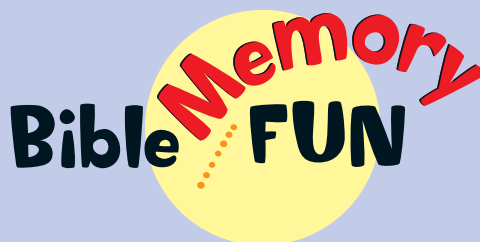
Jesus Teaches About Helping: Matthew 7:12; Luke 10:25-27



Developing a habit of demonstrating kind acts and using kind

words is an important part of the growth process for children. In order for this growth to take place, kindness must be modeled in the home. In our fast-paced world, it is easy to overlook even simple acts and words of kindness.

Kindness requires an investment of time and energy. Take advantage of opportunities to demonstrate kindness this week. Say please and thank you. Serve someone an unexpected drink of hot chocolate. Give a compliment. The investment of your time and energy will benefit your family for years to come. Continue to focus on kindness until it becomes a regular part of home activities.



John 14:23

Find this verse in a family Bible. Together as a family, make up a song or cheer that includes the Bible Memory. Sing the song or say the cheer throughout the week.

This week, help your child remember:

We can help others.



Act of Kindness. As a family, choose a way to show kindness to someone in your neighborhood this week. Is there an elderly woman who needs help with a specific chore? Would someone benefit from a home-cooked meal? Explore the possibilities of people who need help, and then act with kindness on that area of need.



Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

Thank You, God, for helping me.

God, help me to obey Your teaching.

I want to help others like the man from Samaria did!

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Jesus Teaches About Sharing: Luke 12:13, 16-21

Family Talk

This week's Bible lesson taught the importance of sharing with

others. As a parent, you will need to teach your children how to share and be generous. Ask each family member for ideas about sharing with one another. Talk about ways to be generous during everyday activities. Post a list of the ideas suggested. Each day, choose and put into practice one of the ideas. (Example: Today is Share a Snack Day.)

Practice generosity and hospitality as a family. Invite people to your home for dinner or dessert. Have the children participate by greeting guests, taking their coats, or bringing drinks to them. Together, make giving projects a regular part of your family life.



Bible Memory FUN

John 14:23

Find this verse in a family Bible. Print the verse on a chalkboard or marker board. Throughout the week, have family members take turns in

leading as the family says the verse together.

This week, help your child remember:

We can share with others.

Family Fun...

Sharing Soup. Collect cans of soup for a local food bank. Think of chores the children can do to earn money for purchasing cans of soup. Shop together and allow children to select the kinds of soup they want to purchase for giving to others. Together, take the cans to a food bank. If possible, work in a soup kitchen with your child, allowing him to see firsthand how sharing helps people in need.

Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

God, help me not to be selfish.

God, thank You for the lesson Jesus taught about sharing with others.

I love You, God!

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