

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



Every great movie tells a great story. When we see those stories played out on the big screen, we can learn a little more about ourselves and the world around us. Jesus knew how powerful stories could be, and he made them a big part of how he taught his followers. In this 5-week series, kids will hear some of the stories Jesus shared that can help them see the big picture of a life spent following God. Kids will see that **God helps us know what's true**, the ways **we can give back to God**, how **God sends us helpers**, and how **God gives us second chances**.

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 God helps us know what's true.

Matthew 13:1–23; Luke 9:28–36

STUDY

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

PRAY

This week, thank God for helping you see and understand what's true.

GROW

So what's your next step? Who can you talk to when you struggle to know what's true? How can you move closer to God to see what's true? Are there habits or practices you can put in place to stay close to what's true? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 We can give back to God.

Matthew 25:14–29; Deuteronomy 26:1–11

STUDY

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

PRAY

This week, ask for opportunities to use your gifts and abilities to give back to God.

GROW

So what's your next step? Is there a gift you can creatively use to give back or serve God? Can you start a conversation with someone about what it looks like to give back to God? Can you make a list of the skills, talents, and resources you have? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3 God sends us helpers.

Luke 10:25–37; Psalm 27:1–5

STUDY

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

PRAY

This week, ask God to give you the chance to help someone.

GROW

So what's your next step? Is there a situation where you need to ask for help? Can you journal about a time when someone helped you? Could you take a walk through your community to look for ways you might be able to help? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4 God gives us second chances.

Luke 13:6–9; 2 Peter 3:8–9

STUDY

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

PRAY

This week, thank God for giving you chances to start over.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to ask God for a second chance? Can you offer a second chance to someone in your life? Can you think of someone who might need to hear about a time when you got a second chance? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 5 We belong in God's family.

Luke 15:11–32; 2 Corinthians 5:17–19

STUDY

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

PRAY

ask God to help you make someone feel welcome.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you struggle to feel like you're a part of God's family? Can you help someone discover what it means to be part of God's family? Is there something you can create to remind you of the space God holds for you? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.