

# Together Time

**Jesus and Matthew:** Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32

## Family Talk

Parents often feel they are nurturing their children in the right way

by providing daily messages of correction, criticism, lectures, and demands. Consider the long-term effects these methods may have on a child. While discipline and the teaching of responsibility are important to a child's safety and growth, encouragement and praise are equally important. Instruction in love allows children to grow in an environment where they develop healthy self-images. God's unconditional love and acceptance are reminders of His plan for you as a parent in nurturing your children.



## Bible Memory FUN

**1 John 4:7**

Find this verse in a family Bible. Divide the verse into short phrases. Build on the phrases until your child can say the entire Bible verse.

This week, help your child remember:

**Jesus loves all people.**

## Family Fun...

**Hearts.** Make a different-colored construction paper heart for each participant. Write the word "LOVE" on each heart. Take four clothespins for each heart and choose a marker that matches the color of your heart. With your matching colored marker, write a letter on each of the four clothespins so the letters spell the word LOVE. Mix up the clothespins and try to match the colored letters to your heart. Clip the clothespins to your heart and spell LOVE. Discuss how much Jesus loves us and how we know of His love.

## Daily Talks with God

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

Help me, God, to follow Jesus as Matthew did.

Thank You, Jesus, for Your love for people.

Jesus, help me to love others as You do.

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