

Unit 19

Jesus Shows His Love

"All things are possible with God."

Mark 10:27

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to www.21stcc.com, click on Downloads, then LifeLINKS to God Videos to watch "Jesus Shows His Love" before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in March.

The video shows children talking about Jesus' love. As we watch them share, we hear many ways we can share the love of Jesus with others.

- How can you tell someone that Jesus loves them?

Our Bible stories in this unit tell us about Jesus showing His love in different ways. We see Jesus encouraging Peter to walk on water with Him (Matthew 14:22-33). Later, we learn about Jesus healing two men who were blind (Matthew 20:29-34). Finally, we hear about Jesus forgiving Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). Through all the stories, we see Jesus loving and caring for people!

- What is one way we can show Jesus' love to others?
- Memorize Mark 10:27. We can know Jesus is always with us. He loves us and cares about us!
- Spend time at a family meal talking about the ways Jesus shows His love for us. Give each family member time to tell the other members in your family one example of Jesus showing His love to people. (Example: "Jesus shows His love by caring about children.")

End with a short prayer. Jesus, thank You for Your love for us. Help us to show that love to other people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Unit 20

Jesus' Friends Show His Love

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34

Your Devo Time

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In the video, we get to hear children share the ways they show Jesus' love to others. Jesus loves us so much, and He wants us to share that love with others!

- What was a way the children in this video showed love?

Our Bible stories show ways the followers of Jesus shared His love with others. First, we heard how Philip helped an Ethiopian man learn about the good news of Jesus (Acts 8:4-5, 26-39). In another story, we heard how Dorcas helped people, and how Peter helped her (Acts 9:36-41). In our last story, we learned about seven helpers who were chosen to care for the widows (Acts 6:1-7). We can show Jesus' love to others by helping others, telling them about Jesus, and using our actions to show love.

- How does your family show Jesus' love to you?
- Memorize John 13:34. God designed people to show love to each other. As a family, celebrate the ways He has helped your family love each other. How can each person in your family show Jesus' love to someone this week?
- Give each family member a sheet of paper and crayons or colored pencils. Ask everyone to draw a picture of how they can show love to others this week. When everyone has finished, give them the opportunity to share about their pictures. Use this as an opportunity to celebrate the way God made each person to love others.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for loving us so much! Please help us to share Jesus' love with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Unit 21

Jesus' Friends Help Others

"Serve one another humbly in love."

Galatians 5:13

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to www.21stcc.com, click on Downloads, then LifeLINKS to God Videos to watch "Jesus' Friends Help Others" before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in May.

The children in our video have lots of great ideas for helping others! The children helped others in different ways. Some of these ways were helping the teacher pass out supplies, helping parents around the house, and helping siblings with chores.

- What is a way you help others?

Each of the Bible stories this month focuses on a different way to help people. Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him about God. He later decided to help Paul tell other people about God (Acts 16:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:3-6; 3:14-15). We also heard about Peter telling Cornelius the good news of Jesus (Acts 10:1-9, 17b-48). The following week, we talked about Barnabas getting Paul to come and help him (Acts 11:20-26). In our last story of the unit, we learned about Paul working with Aquila and Priscilla, who helped Apollos learn more about Jesus (Acts 18:1-4; 24-28). Each of these Bible stories teaches us that as Jesus' friends, we can help others!

Jesus' friends help others!

- Memorize Galatians 5:13. We were created to help other people! We can choose to help people in lots of ways. We can pray for them, be a friend to them, help them with a task, give to those in need, and share the good news of Jesus. Play a family response game with this memory verse. One person starts, saying: "I can serve others humbly in love by (name a way to help others)." Then the rest of the family responds, repeating the memory verse: "Serve one another humbly in love!" Play several rounds.
- Make "Serving Others" cards. On several index cards, write: "I will serve others by ____." Talk about different ways the members of your family can serve others, such as helping parents around the house or helping siblings with chores. Use the ideas to complete the sentences on the cards. Once you've finished writing on each of them, keep the stack of cards somewhere your family can find quick ideas for helping others.

End with a short prayer. God, help us to do good to all people. Help us to show the love of Jesus in the ways we help others. In Jesus' name. Amen.