

On My Block: Care for the people in your neighborhood



Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us show compassion.

First, watch this week's video!

Compassion:
Caring enough to do something about someone else's need

Memory Verse

"The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice.

You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God."

Micah 6:8, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus Talks with a Woman from Samaria
John 4:1-30, 39-42

Bottom Line

Show others that they matter.

Activity

True or False

What You Need:

Paper plate, marker

What You Do:

Draw a "T" on one side of the paper plate and an "F" on the other side. Give your child the plate.

Say, "I'm going to read a statement from our Bible story today. If it's true, hold up the T. If it's false, hold up the F. You get one point for every correct answer. Plus, if you can correct the false statement, you get another point. If you can get 10 points, your prize is..." (Think of a prize your child might really want—like 15 extra minutes of screen time, or a fun dessert after dinner.)

TRUE/ FALSE REVIEW:

- Jesus and His friends needed to travel to New York City. (False; they were headed to Galilee.)
- To get there, Jesus and His friends went straight through Samaria. (True)
- Jews and Samaritans were best friends. (False; for hundreds or years, Jews and Samaritans had NOT been friends.)
- Jesus was tired from His journey, so He sat down by a well. (True)
- A woman came to the well, and Jesus asked her if she wanted to play Tic-Tac-Toe. (False; Jesus asked her for a drink of water.)
- Jesus talked to the woman and told her about the living water He could offer, which leads to eternal life. (True)
- Jesus told the woman that He was the Messiah, the one everyone was waiting for—and the woman did NOT believe Him. (False; the woman believed!)
- The woman went home and didn't tell anyone about meeting Jesus. (False; the woman went back to town and told everyone she could find about Jesus!)

Talk About the Bible Story

Why was it surprising that Jesus would talk to the woman at the well? (Because she had done some things that made people in her town avoid being friends with her; people avoided being seen with her)

What happened after the woman talked with Jesus? (Because Jesus showed her that she mattered to Him, she believe in Him and told others about Him)

Why is it important to show others that they matter?

What are some ways we can show people that they matter?

How has someone made you feel like YOU mattered? What did they do?

Parent: Share an age-appropriate story about when you felt unnoticed or overlooked. What happened? How did you resolve that feeling? Did someone encourage you or help you feel better?



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for loving us. Please help us pay attention to the people around us this week so we can show others that they matter. We want to be the kind of friend who notices how other people feel so that we can show compassion. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."