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FORWARD DEVOTIONAL

For Students (6th-12th grades)
& Families

WEEK 1

The Power to Live Like Jesus Comes from the Holy Spirit

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE	John 14:26	Galatians 5:22-23	Acts 1:8	Romans 8:26	Philippians 2:13	Psalms 46:1	Galatians 5:25
REFLECTION	What is one thing I need God's help with this week?	Which fruit of the Spirit comes easiest to me? Which is hardest?	How could God use me at school or home?	Have I ever felt like I didn't know what to pray?	What is God growing in me right now?	Where do I need God's strength today?	What would it look like to keep in step with the Spirit this week?
ACTION	Write it on a sticky note and pray over it.	Encourage one person today.	Pray for one friend by name.	Spend two minutes sitting quietly with God.	Tell someone "thank you" today.	Take a short walk and thank God for three things.	Ask God to help you become more like Jesus this week.
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WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Ask the Holy Spirit every morning, "Jesus, help me live like You today."



FAMILY ACTIVITY
"I SEE JESUS IN YOU"

Have everyone write their name on the top of a piece of paper. Pass the papers around the table and have each family member write one way they see Jesus in that person (kindness, patience, generosity, joy, etc). When everyone is finished, take turns reading them aloud.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was anything written that surprised you?
2. What Fruit of the Spirit would you like God to grow in you this year?
3. How can our family help one another become more like Jesus?

CLOSE IN PRAYER Ask the Holy Spirit to make your family look more like Jesus this week.

WEEK 2

The Spirit Leads Us Beyond Our Comfort Zone

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE	Joshua 1:9	Matthew 28:19	Isaiah 6:8	Luke 19:5	Acts 8:29	Hebrews 13:2	Romans 12:13
REFLECTION	What makes me nervous when meeting new people?	Who has shared Jesus with me?	Am I willing to say, "Send me?"	Jesus noticed people others ignored. Who can I notice?	Have I ever ignored a nudge from God?	How can I make people feel welcome?	What gifts has God given me to bless others?
ACTION	Smile and say hello to someone today.	Write down their name and thank God for them.	Volunteer to help with something today.	Sit beside someone different today if possible.	Pray for courage before you leave your house today.	Invite someone to join what you're doing.	Write one encouraging text to a friend.
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WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Introduce yourself to one new person this week.



FAMILY ACTIVITY
"THE EMPTY SEAT"

Place an empty chair at the dinner table and ask: If someone sat in this chair this week, who would we want it to be?

Talk about: The new student at school; A lonely neighbor; Someone sitting by themselves at lunch; A family new to church.

Challenge: Invite someone over for dinner, ice cream, or to church this month.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who do you think Jesus would notice?
2. Who might feel unseen right now?
3. What is one small thing we could do to help someone feel they belong?

CLOSE IN PRAYER As a family, choose ONE person or family to pray for this week.

WEEK 3

We Move Forward Through Serving

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE	Mark 10:45	Galatians 6:2	Colossians 3:23	Micah 6:8	Matthew 5:16	James 2:17	Acts 20:35
REFLECTION	How did Jesus serve others?	Who could use some encouragement right now?	How would I serve differently if I did it for Jesus?	What does kindness look like at my school?	How can my actions point others toward God?	How can my faith become action?	When have I felt joy serving someone else?
ACTION	Help with one chore before being asked.	Carry someone's things or open a door today.	Do something kind anonymously.	Leave an encouraging note for someone.	Tell someone why they matter.	Donate something you no longer use.	Pray for missionaries and people serving today.
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WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Complete one secret act of kindness every day this week.



FAMILY ACTIVITY
"FAMILY SECRET SERVICE"

Write several simple acts of kindness on slips of paper and place them in a bowl: Examples: Leave snacks in your mailbox for the mail carrier, pick up litter on your walk, bake cookies for a neighbor, pay for someone's drink, write encouraging notes to teachers, help another family with a chore.

Each family member draws one and

completes it together sometime during the week.

AFTERWARDS ASK:

1. How did it feel to serve someone else?
2. What was difficult about serving?
3. How do you think serving points people toward Jesus?

CHALLENGE: Don't tell anyone what you did!

WEEK 4

We Thank God for Yesterday & Trust Him for Tomorrow

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 118:24	Proverbs 3: 5-6	Philippians 4: 6-7	Psalm 136:1	Jeremiah 29:11	Isaiah 41:10	Lamentations 3: 22-23
REFLECTION	What made me smile today?	What am I worried about right now?	What helps bring me peace?	Where have I seen God's goodness this year?	What do I hope God has planned for my future?	What am I afraid of right now?	How has God been faithful to me?
ACTION	Write down three things you're thankful for.	Give that worry to God in prayer.	Take five slow breaths and pray.	Tell someone something you're thankful for.	Write yourself an encouraging note.	Ask someone to pray for you.	Spend five minutes thanking God for this season of life.
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WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Keep a gratitude list all week long.



FAMILY ACTIVITY
"HIGHS, LOWS, & HOPES"

Around the table have everyone answer the three discussion questions.

Then have each family member write their hope for the year on an index card.

Place the cards in an envelope labeled: "We'll Open This Date..."

PRAYER Pray over one another before sealing the envelope.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one high from this year?
2. What is one hard thing God has brought you through?
3. What is one thing you're trusting God with this year?



CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE

STEP FORWARD INTO WHAT'S NEXT.

JOIN US IN PRAYER AS WE PREPARE

As we look forward to our debt-free celebration, we invite everyone to participate in the 333 Prayer Initiative, a church-wide season of prayer and spiritual preparation.

For 30 days, we are asking our church family to spend 3 minutes each day praying for 3 things.

Download the prayer card at
www.carlislepaumc.org/forwardcelebration