



FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- In God's big story, Jesus taught a lesson using an imaginative story (called a parable) about a Samaritan who was a true neighbor to a hurting man. Try retelling the story to your family!
- Have you ever had a hard time showing compassion to someone? Why or why not?
- What are some ways Jesus shows compassion?
- According to the story Jesus told, who is our neighbor? How can our family show compassion to a neighbor this week?
- How can we help each other follow Jesus?



LIFE CONNECTION

Practicing Compassion

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches us what it means to show compassion to our neighbors. Our neighbors are all of those who are around us, not just the people next door. Sometimes, the hardest people to show compassion to are in your own family. You live with them, eat with them, do life with them, and are around them all the time. What would it look like to practice compassion to your own family members first?

Around the dinner table this week, talk about what you think compassion in your home could look like. Give each person a half sheet of paper and a pen or pencil and ask them to write or draw one way they can show compassion at home. Fold the papers in half and place them in a bowl. Let each person pick out a paper and read the response. Then together, try putting the ideas into practice this week!

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Older Kids!



WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

Compassion Bags

In God's big story, Jesus told a parable about a Jewish man who was attacked by robbers, beaten, stripped of his clothes, and left by the side of the road. Two people walked by and paid no attention to him. A Samaritan man passed by, saw the man in need, and despite not usually associating with Jewish people, was moved to action. He cared for the man and showed compassion by helping him. Jesus teaches us to show compassion to everyone.

As a family, create one or more "Compassion Bags." In a reusable grocery bag, place items such as an unopened toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, prepackaged cookies (or other nonperishable food items), new socks, and a homemade card with a favorite Bible verse on it. Keep the bag in your family's vehicle; then keep your eyes and hearts open for an opportunity to give the bag to someone who is homeless or in need of compassion.

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