

Week 3

## Community

(Acts 4:32-35 & John 13:35)



Prepare: a jar or bowl, pen or colorful markers, slips of paper

Instructions: Sit with your child and brainstorm ideas for small, random acts of kindness he/she can perform. Write each idea on a slip of paper, and put them all in a jar or bowl. Then, for one whole week, encourage each family member to pull at least one everyday and do whatever is written on the slip of paper.

Here are some great ideas you can start with but feel free to add to the list :

Tell a family member how much you love and appreciate them

Help with a household chore

Arrange a time with a friend when you can watch a film remotely while on a video call.

Send an encouraging text to a friend or relative

Send someone a joke you know to cheer them up

Make a thank you card for your community helpers



Back in those days, the people in the early church looked out for each other. In Acts 4:32-35, it says:

*32 All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. 33 The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. 34 There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them 35 and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.*

The early church believers were of one heart and mind. Everyone was part of the community and they were very generous towards each other. Whenever they see someone in need, they will not fail to share what they have. Such big hearts! That was how they showed everyone that they were followers of Jesus.

John 13:35 (NLT) says:

*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

Jesus' love for us was so great that He gave his very best for us - His life. As we have received this love, He wants us to share this great love to others. It is not as easy as it looks but by His grace, we can love our community the same way Christ loves us.

*7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.*

The disciples showed us how important it is to prioritize studying and preaching the Word as we seek to know and to serve our Heavenly Father.



**Parent to Kid/s:**  
**2-6 years old**

- How well do you know our family? Let's try this. What is the favorite food of mom, dad and your siblings?

**7-12 years old**

- How do you think you will be able to know God more?  
- How much time do you spend to study His Word?

**Kid/s to Parent:**

- How often do you read the Bible? Are there times also that you get too busy and don't have time to read the Bible?

Studying and reading the Bible will help us know God more and make our relationship with Him stronger. That's why it is important that we deliberately allot time to read God's Word and meditate on it every day. In fact, the Bible tells us to meditate on God's Word day and night.

As God's children, the Bible is one of the most important ways by which we can know our Father. Yes, there are other ways. But reading the Bible makes our journey in knowing God much more personal. Let's accept God's invitation to know Him by reading His word everyday.



Dear Lord,

Thank You for your Word that is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As we devote time to study and meditate on it, may we grow in the knowledge of who You are so that we can live a life that honors and pleases You.

Amen.



Do you know that:

- the Bible literally means "book"? In fact, there are a total of 66 books contained in the entire Bible. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- the Bible was originally written in three languages - Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek?
- the entire Old Testament was written in a span of 1500 years, while the New Testament was written in 50-75 years?
- the Bible has been translated in more than 650 languages?

Think of all the effort people put into making the Bible accessible to us today. Truly, this is an amazing book! May we yearn to know God more as we read it!

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