

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



Our relationships with our families can sometimes feel a little bit like a way-too-competitive game night. With our families, sometimes it's fun . . . but other times, we might fight for first place, gang up on each other, betray each other, and walk away with frustration and hurt feelings. Families can be sources of joy and laughter but also stress and tension. But what if our families could be places where we could all help each other win? In this four-week series from the New Testament, we'll look at how the earliest followers of Jesus created a new kind of community as God's family. Through their example, we'll learn that **there is enough when we share what we have** — and **if there isn't enough, God provides**. We'll also learn that **our actions can speak when words aren't enough** and that **God's love is always enough**.



Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1

There is enough when we share what we have.

Acts 4:32–35; 2 Corinthians 9:6–8; Ezekiel 33:31



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Ask God to show you what you've been given and how your family can benefit from it.



GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to make a list of your gifts, talents, and resources that could be shared? Could you identify a need in your family you could help meet? Do you need to be honest with your family about what you need? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2

When there isn't enough, God provides.

Psalms 4; 1 John 3:1; Acts 2:42–44



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Talk to God about a situation where your family needs help or support.



GROW

So what's your next step? Do you have questions you need to ask God? Could you ask someone to support you through what you're experiencing? Do you have the capacity to help support someone else? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

Our actions can speak when words aren't enough.

1 John 3:16–18; James 2:14–19; Act 9:17–18



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Ask God to help you identify a family member who you could love through tangible actions today.



GROW

So what's your next step? Is there an action you can take to show a family member love? Is there a relationship in your family where your actions haven't been lining up with your words? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

God's love is always enough.

1 John 4:7–21; Romans 13:8–10; Acts 16:25–36



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Spend time reflecting on and saying thank you for the way God loves you.



GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need help trusting in God's love for you? Do you need to find comfort in God's love when love from others seems lacking? Do you need to reach out to someone for support? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.