

ELEMENTARY FAMILY CONNECTION FOR MINISTRY LEADERS

Thank you for partnering with families as they help children grow in their faith.

This monthly Family Resource is designed to help parents continue the conversation at home through:

- Weekly Bible story highlights
- "Because of God..." Identity Truths
- Family discussion questions
- Simple activities
- Bedtime prayers
- Family challenges

Use the following content for:

- Monthly print or digital newsletters.
- A download link to families each month.
- Include it in guest follow-up emails.
- Add printed copies to guest welcome bags.
- Post it on your church website, app, or parent portal.
- Use it in conjunction with the monthly Social Media Posting Guide to support ongoing parent engagement.

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BIG IDEA

God calls us to serve.

MEMORY VERSE

The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11–12 (NLT)

HEY FAMILIES!

This month, we're discovering that true greatness isn't about being the strongest, smartest, or most popular. Jesus showed us that greatness is found in serving others with humility. As your family works through these simple conversations, activities, and prayers, look for opportunities to serve one another and point others to Jesus through your actions.

WEEK	LEARN	BECAUSE OF GOD	TALK ABOUT IT	TRY THIS	BEDTIME PRAYER
1	**Serving others is serving God.** Jesus Settles an Argument (Mark 9:33–37)	**I can serve others with humility.**	Jesus said the greatest people are the ones who serve others. What are some simple ways we can serve our family	Secretly do one helpful chore or kind act for someone in your family without expecting recognition.	*God, thank You for Jesus' example of serving others. Help me choose humility and look for ways to put others first. Amen.*
2	**God gave me gifts to serve others.** Aaron Speaks for Moses (Exodus 3–4; 1 Peter 4:10–11)	**God gave me gifts to serve others.**	What gifts or abilities has God given each member of our family? How can we use them to help someone this week?	Each family member names one gift God has given them. Then choose one way to use that gift to encourage or help someone.	*God, thank You for creating each of us with unique gifts. Show me how to use what You've given me to serve others and bring You glory. Amen.*
3	**Serve others with humility.** Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet (John 13:1–17)	**I can put others first.**	Why do you think Jesus chose to wash His disciples' feet? What does that teach us about loving others?	Look for one opportunity each day to let someone else go first, share, or help without being asked.	*Jesus, thank You for showing us what humble love looks like. Help me put others before myself this week. Amen.*
4	**Jesus came to serve.** Jesus Responds to a Monther's Request (Matthew 20:20– 28)	**Jesus showed me how to serve.**	Our world says greatness is being first. Jesus said greatness is serving others.	As a family, choose one person outside your home to encourage with a note, meal, visit, or act of kindness this week.	*Jesus, thank You for coming to serve instead of being served. Help me follow Your example every day. Amen.*
5	**I should obey God, even when I think I have a better idea.** Jonah (Jonah 1-3)	**I can obey God, even when it's hard.**	Have you ever known the right thing to do but didn't want to do it? What happened?	Practice saying, "Yes, I'll obey," the first time you're asked to do something this week. Talk about how obeying God and our parents honors Him.	*God, thank You for loving me even when I make wrong choices. Give me the courage to obey You, even when it's difficult. Amen.*

FAMILY CHALLENGE: *SERVE LIKE JESUS*

Choose a way to serve someone each week this month.
Ideas: Help without being asked, encourage someone with kind words, use one of your gifts to bless another person, pray for someone who is hurting, obey God even when it's difficult.
Ask: "How did we serve like Jesus this week?"

PARENT TIP

Children naturally notice who gets the most attention, wins the game, or comes in first. Jesus taught a different way. Help your child discover that true greatness is found in humility, serving others, and following Christ's example. Small acts of love and obedience can have an eternal impact.

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