

Unit 13

We Are Important to Jesus

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

John 13:34

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch **We Are Important to Jesus** before doing the devotion together. Use this devotion anytime during September.

In the video, the kids talked about different reasons they can know that they are important to Jesus: because He died on the cross, because He gave us the Bible, because He answers our prayers—or just because we’re us! God made each of us, and He loves us just the way we are.

- How do you know that you’re important to Jesus?

The Bible tells us that we are all important to Jesus, no matter what other people may think of us. The stories in this unit have all shown us how very much we are loved. No matter what we look like, what we’ve done, where we live, or what we have, Jesus loves us so much that He went to the cross and died for us. And we should treat other people in a way that shows this same kind of love.

- Read John 13:34 together. How does this verse make you feel?
- What are some other ways that Jesus shows He loves us?
- As a family, think of someone who needs to know how much Jesus loves them.
Think of one way you will reach out to that person with the love of Jesus this week.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for the many ways You show that You love us. Help us to share Your love with others in what we say and do. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Unit 14

Jesus Helps Us

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

Hebrews 13:6

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In the video, the little girl talks to her mom about all the ways Jesus helped her during the week. He sent her teacher when she was hurt. He helped her forgive her little sister. And He helped her make good choices without being asked.

- How does Jesus help you?

The Bible tells us that everything Jesus said and did while on earth was to point us to God. From the miracles He worked to the way He served His friends to the way He taught us to treat others—all of it was so that we could know God better. Jesus helps us to know more about God's love and forgiveness.

- What are some other ways that you learn about God?
- Read Hebrews 13:6 together. Ask members of your family to say the verse in their own words.
- How can knowing God is with you help you be brave?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for loving us and for helping us when things are hard. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us more about You. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Unit 15

God Made the World

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch **God Made the World** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in November.

The children in the video named some of the many wonderful things God thought of when He made the world. From butterflies to baseballs, from penguins to pizza, from mountains to mommies—the world is filled with people and things God made especially for us!

- Why do you think God wanted to make the world so special?

The Bible tells us that God spent six days making the world. He wanted everything to be just so. This is just one of the many ways God shows how much He loves us. And when the world was finished, God looked around and was pleased. His creation made Him happy.

- Memorize Genesis 1:1 together.
- God made everything—including you! How does God feel when He looks at you?
- How can your family help take care of the world God made?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for the beautiful world You made for us. Help us to take care of the world You made. And even more, help us to take care of each other. In Jesus' name, amen.