

Unit 10

Together as Believers

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Acts 2:42

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/bible-in-life/resources> to watch **Together as Believers** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in June.

In the video, the kids shared their thoughts about gathering with other believers. They shared different things they do with other believers, including worship, praying, serving, and studying God’s word.

- What do you do when gathering with other believers?

We gather together with other Christians because we believe in Jesus. In our first lesson of this unit, we learned about the beginning of the Christian church (Acts 1:12–14; 2:1–14, 21–24, 32–47; 1 Corinthians 16:19). The following week, we talked about the boy Timothy who grew up to be a minister (2 Timothy 3:14–15; Acts 16:1–3; 17:13–15; 1 Timothy 1:1–5; 3:15; 4:6, 12; 2 Timothy 1:1–7; 2:1–3). In the next lesson, we saw Gaius carrying out his responsibility to cooperate in the church’s work (3 John 1–14). Finally, in our last lesson, we learned how Onesimus became a Christian and learned to do what was right (Philemon 1–25). In each of our lessons this month, we learned about the value of being together with other believers!

- What are some of the benefits of gathering with other Christians?
- Memorize Acts 2:42. How does this verse help you understand the importance of spending time with other Christians?
- As a family, spend time in prayer, thanking God for the other Christians in your lives. Lift up the prayer requests of your fellow believers and ask God to help you grow as a healthy Christian community.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for giving us other believers to help us strengthen our in faith in You. Help us to grow in healthy community. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Unit 11

Talking with God

“Always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/bible-in-life/resources> to watch **Talking with God** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in July.

The kids in the video shared their thoughts about prayer and talking with God. They also shared different things they pray for, including praying for themselves and for other people.

- What are some of the things you pray for?

Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we gained direct access to talk with God! Prayer can feel complicated, but God teaches us how to pray (Matthew 6:5–13; Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; Matthew 18:20). We also learn how to pray from the example of other believers, such as when the Apostle Paul prayed to have his thorn removed and trusted God’s will (2 Corinthians 12:7–10; Matthew 6:10–11). Paul also shared types of prayers we can pray and the people we can pray for (1 Timothy 2:1-8). In one of our lessons this month, we also saw how God values humble prayers (Luke 18:9–14). Finally, we learned how to thank God through prayer (Luke 17:11–19). In all of our lessons this month, we discussed the importance of talking with God.

- Why is talking with God important to you?
- Memorize Ephesians 6:18. What does this verse teach us about the importance of prayer?
- How can your family pray for all the Lord’s people this week? Spend some time together in prayer both for the believers in your church community and around the world.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for giving us direct access to talk with You. Help us to spend time with You in prayer this week. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Unit 12

Connecting with God's Word

"Your word, LORD, is eternal."

Psalm 119:89

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/bible-in-life/resources> to watch **Connecting with God's Word** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in August.

In this video, the kids talked about why the Bible is important to them. They shared about how God's Word guides them, helps them know about God, and gives them purpose.

- What do you think are some benefits to reading God's Word?

As God's people, we can read and study His Word. In our first lesson this month, we saw Moses write down God's Word (Deuteronomy 5:1–7; 6:5–9; 28:1–14; 31:9–32:47; Hebrews 1:1). The following week, we learned how Jeremiah had Baruch write God's Word (Jeremiah 36; Isaiah 40:8). In another lesson, we saw the Gospel writers tell the story of Jesus (Luke 1:1–4; John 4:42; 20:28–31; Matthew 26:63–64; Mark 8:27–30). Finally, in our last lesson, Paul wrote to the Romans about the Gospel and of his desire to visit them (Romans 1:1–17; 15:1–6, 23–24; 1 Corinthians 15:1–4; Galatians 1:11–12; Ephesians 4:20–32). Through all these lessons, we learned about people valuing God's Word.

- Why do you think God wants His people to read His Word?
- Memorize Psalm 119:89. How can you study God's Word intentionally this week?
- How can each person in your family memorize a Bible verse this week?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, help us to spend time reading and studying Your Word this week. As we read, guide us to learn more about You and how to love You with our whole lives. In Jesus' name, amen.