

Unit 10

Together as Believers

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.”

1 John 4:7a

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 this month, we saw how Philemon was asked to show love by welcoming back his runaway slave, Onesimus (Philemon 1-25). The following week, we talked about how Prince Joash learned about God from the priest, Jehoiada (2 Kings 11:1—12:2). In the next lesson, we saw that David was used by God to benefit King Saul (1 Samuel 16:8-23). Finally, in our last lesson, we learned how King Hezekiah’s people worshiped God by praying, singing, hearing God’s Word, and giving (2 Chronicles 29:20—30:27). 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 1 John 4:7a. 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

“Seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
Matthew 7:7b

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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 (Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:9-13; 7:7-11). In one lesson, we saw God use Gideon to answer the prayers of the Israelites for deliverance from the Midianites (Judges 6—7). In another lesson, we learned how God answered King Hezekiah’s prayer for healing (2 Kings 20:1-11). 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 Matthew 7:7b. 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 Jesus, 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

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Psalm 119:11

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). The following week, we learned how Jeremiah had Baruch write God's Word (Jeremiah 36). In another lesson, we saw Ezra help the people understand God's Word and rejoice (Nehemiah 8). Finally, in our last lesson, we talked about an Ethiopian eunuch read about Jesus in God's Word and accept Him as Savior (Acts 8:26-39). 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 119:11. 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 we love You with our whole lives. In Jesus' name, amen.