

Unit 10 Together as Believers

“Now, we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:12

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 **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 Hezekiah cleaning up the temple (2 Chronicles 29:1-19; John 4:21, 24). The following week, we talked about how Hezekiah commanded the priests to offer sacrifices (2 Chronicles 29:20-36; Hebrews 10:10, 19-22). In the next lesson, we saw Hezekiah inviting the people to celebrate the Passover (2 Chronicles 30:1-27). Finally, in our last lesson, we learned how Hezekiah encouraged the people to bring their contributions, which were distributed to those who served full-time in the temple (2 Chronicles 31:2-21; Galatians 6:6). 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 Thessalonians 5:12. 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

“Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him.”

Psalm 62:8

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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 (Matthew 6:5-13). We also learned how Job maintained an attitude of submission and gratitude in his prayers to God (Job 23:10-11; 40:1-4; 42:1-6). In another lesson, we saw a Canaanite woman pray for her daughter’s healing (Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 11:24; John 14:13-14). The following week, we learned how we can pray for God to help us forgive others, just as He has forgiven us (Matthew 18:21-35; 6:12; Psalm 66:18). Finally, we learned how Jesus taught us to be persistent in prayer (Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-8). In all of our lessons this month, we discussed the importance of talking with God.

- Why is talking with God important to you?
- Memorize Psalm 62:8. 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

“All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.”

Psalm 119:160

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidcook.org/echoes/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; Jeremiah 30:1-2; 2 Peter 1:21). The following week, we learned how Jeremiah had Baruch write God's Word (Jeremiah 36). In another lesson, we discussed how the apostle John wrote the story of Jesus (1 John 2:1-2, 12, 24-26; 4:9-10, 14-15; John 20:30-31). Finally, in our last lesson, Paul wrote to the Philippians to give them guidance about following God (Philippians 1:12-13; 4:6-9; Acts 28:20, 30-31). 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 119:160. Read this verse as a family each day this week.
- How can each person in your family study God's word intentionally 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.