

Unit 22

Rules to Live By

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
Matthew 22:37

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 **Rules to Live By** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in June.

In the video, the kids talk about how they speak and behave differently when they think about what would please God. Then later, a girl prays about an important decision she is making and chooses to honor God.

- How are your words, thoughts, and actions different when you put God first?
- When have you had to make a hard choice? What did you do?

God gives us rules to help us make decisions that honor Him and that are good for us as well. It isn’t always easy to follow God’s rules. But when we put God first, it helps us remember to seek His will and follow His plan.

- Memorize Matthew 22:37.
- How can you love God with your heart? with your mind? with your soul?
- What is one of God’s rules that you will especially focus on following this week?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, rules aren’t always easy to follow, but we know that You give them to us because You love us. May our love for You grow in such a way that we always think first about what would please and honor You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Unit 23 Who God Is

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

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 **Who God Is** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in July.

The kids in the video explain who God is, how He helps them, and what that means to them.

- How would you describe who God is to a friend?

The stories in this unit help us see that God is holy, forgiving, powerful, and that He gives us what we need to grow in faith. Knowing Him should change our lives in such a way that other people notice. A relationship with God forms us into new people who strive to be more like Jesus every day.

- Memorize 2 Peter 3:18. What does it mean to grow in grace? in knowledge of Jesus?
- As we grow to be more like Jesus, how does that change who we are and what we do?
- If you don't already, plan to regularly spend time as a family reading God's Word and praying. These are two very important ways to grow in your relationships with each other and with God.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for being who You are. We praise You for being our Lord and Savior. Help us to grow to be more like Your Son Jesus by reading Your Word and spending time with You in prayer. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

Unit 24 Living Out Our Faith

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

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 **Living Out Our Faith** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in August.

The kids in this video talk about ways to live out our faith—by treating people with respect, standing up for others, obeying God’s rules, and more. The family at the end of the video packs food to send to someone who needs it.

- What are some ways you live out your faith?

When we believe in God, it changes the way we live, the way we speak, the way we think, and the way we treat other people. If we truly love God, we must love those around us. The Bible stories in this unit have taught us to respect authority, to humbly serve others, to forgive even when it’s hard, and to work together to honor God.

- Memorize Ephesians 4:32.
- When is it hardest for you to forgive? Why do you think that is?
- When you forgive someone, how are you being like God?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for Your perfect plan to save us. Your Son died so that we can live forever with You in Heaven. Help us to honor His sacrifice and Your plan by forgiving others as you have forgiven us. In Jesus’ name, amen.