

On My Block: Care for the people in your neighborhood



Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us show compassion.

First, watch this week's video!

Compassion:
Caring enough to do something about someone else's need

Memory Verse

"The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God."

Micah 6:8, NIV

Bible Story

Jesus' Mission Statement
Luke 4:14-24, 28-30

Bottom Line

Following Jesus means caring about others.

Activity

Neighborhood Dreams

What You Need:

Old magazines or newspapers (or paper and colored pencils), kid-safe scissors, paper, glue

What You Do:

Tell your child they get to "build" their dream neighborhood. Help them flip through magazines and newspapers to cut out pictures of homes, businesses, and words that represent the neighborhood of their dreams. Then have them glue the words and pictures to the paper. (If you don't have magazines or newspapers, simply have your child draw and color using colored pencils instead, or do an internet search and print some images that you find online.)

While your child is searching, prompt them to give you the reasons behind their choices. You could even design a dream neighborhood of your own and compare it with your child's version.

Say, "Look at these fun houses, businesses, and words you chose! I want to live in this neighborhood."

Talk About the Bible Story

Read Luke 4:18-19 together. Why was it important that Jesus read this passage to the people? (*It showed what was important to Jesus: caring about others.*)

What does it mean to show compassion? (*to care enough to do something about someone else's need*)

How did Jesus show compassion to you? (*He died on the cross for you; He loves you.*)

What are some ways we can show compassion to people in our neighborhood?

What if you notice that someone needs something, but you aren't sure what to do? For example, you notice that your friend seems sad. What are some ways that you could treat your friend with compassion?

Parent: Talk about a time when someone showed compassion to YOU and showed you the love of Jesus.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You so much for sending Your Son, Jesus! Jesus showed compassion, and we can, too. Will you help us care for others this week? We want to follow Jesus and care for the people around us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."