

CALL TO ACTION SERIES

EPISODE 4: ROOTS AND WINGS

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

Follow up on last week’s assignment:

- Whom did you intentionally affirm in Christ this past week?
- How did you share words of identity and belonging?
- What response or impact did you notice?

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God’s Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” This part of the journey anchors you in the Scriptures and principles at the heart of the episode. If you haven’t already, watch this week’s video: “*Call to Action Series: Roots and Wings*.” Then use the “What Do You Think?” and “What Does God’s Word Say?” sections to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Call to Action Series: Roots and Wings**

Episode Summary

Grandparents are called to give their families roots—a firm foundation of faith and heritage. And wings—the confidence and freedom to follow God’s calling. Storytelling is one of God’s primary tools for passing faith to the next generation. Jesus modeled this through parables, and the story of the Prodigal Son shows the power of a parent’s love and forgiveness to anchor children in identity while encouraging them to soar.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you’re studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back/ Look Up / Look Forward**. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Jesus chose parables to convey deep truths. Why do stories often reach hearts more effectively than direct teaching?
2. Think of a family story or testimony that shaped your own walk with God. What made it memorable, and how might you retell it to inspire NextGens?
3. How have family stories—joyful or painful—shaped who you are today?
4. Media saturates our lives with competing narratives. What practical steps can you take to make sure your family hears life-giving stories more often than the culture’s messages?
5. Plato said, “Those who tell the story rule society.” Where do you see that reality in culture today, and how should it shape the stories we tell in our families?

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

KEY VERSE

Luke 15:20–24 (NIV) – “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants... ‘Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’” Jesus doesn’t lecture about grace—He tells a story that lets us feel the father’s embrace. His vivid narrative invites listeners to picture the reunion, experience the joy, and carry the lesson in their hearts.

SUPPORTING VERSE

Psalms 78:4 (NIV) – “We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.”

This verse calls grandparents to actively share stories of God’s greatness that capture imagination and root the next generation in hope.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Psalms 145:4
Matthew 13:34
Joshua 4:6–7



Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, “What does Jesus want us to do?” Commit to simple, practical steps for living out this week’s lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and step forward together with faith and hope.

THIS WEEK’S ASSIGNMENT

Gather one or two meaningful stories from your own life or family history—moments of God’s faithfulness or lessons learned. Write them down and plan a time to share at least one with a grandchild or younger family member this week.

PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS



- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach next-gen loved ones?

SHARE WITH THE GROUP



Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and real-life stories.
Close with prayer.

