

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

Key Question

What's your purpose in life?

Activity

C-O-M-P-A-S-S-I-O-N

What You Need:

Paper, and a pen or marker

What You Do:

Write the letters **C-O-M-P-A-S-S-I-O-N** vertically on a sheet of paper—with the C at the top, the O beneath the C, the M beneath the O, and so on.

Take some time to discuss what compassion means (caring enough to do something about someone else's need). Then, together with your child, think of different ways they can show compassion to others, using each individual letter of the word "COMPASSION" as a start to the sentence or idea.

For example:

- C - Caring for a neighbor's pet while they're gone
- O - Offering to mow the lawn of an elderly neighbor
- M - Making dinner for a local shelter
- P - Picking up the toys in the playroom without being asked
- A - Asking my dad if he needs help taking out the trash
- S - Singing songs with my little brother before he goes to bed
- S - Speaking up if I see someone being mistreated
- I - Investigating local needs and helping find a way to meet them
- O - Opening the door at the store for people walking in
- N - Never make excuses for why I can't help

When you're finished, let your child choose a few "compassionate" actions they can practically accomplish in the coming week.

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.*)

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

Who is a compassionate person that you know? How have you seen that person caring for someone else's needs?

When is it hard to show compassion?

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 you didn't even have to ask or make your needs known.

Prayer

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

"God, You are compassionate! You care enough about us to provide for us, to help us, and to guide us. Even when we don't know what to do, You are always there to help us. Thank You for caring enough to send Jesus to rescue us so we can be with You now and forever. Help us to follow Jesus' example and show compassion to others. Amen!"