

# DEVOTIONAL

for parents



Jesus was a true trailblazer—not just for his time, but for *all* time! Jesus' teachings and way of life often went against the grain of what people expected, showing us a whole new way to live and love. While blazing new trails, Jesus never wavered from the path of following God, and he paved the way for us to follow his lead. In this 4-week series, kids will learn to **trust Jesus even when it's not easy**, **show others the way to God**, **let God's love take the lead**, and **pray the way Jesus prayed**.

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

## WEEK 1

Let's trust Jesus even when it's not easy!

Matthew 5:1–12

### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### PRAY

Pray and ask God to help you see trials as opportunities to draw closer to Jesus.

### GROW

So what's your next step? Are there challenges in your life that make it hard to trust Jesus right now? How can you shift your focus from the struggle to the ways God is shaping you through it? Who in your life might need to hear that trusting Jesus is worth it, even when it's hard? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

## WEEK 2

Let's show others the way to God!

Matthew 5:13–20

### STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

### PRAY

Pray and ask God to help you be a light that guides others toward love, truth, and grace.

### GROW

So what's your next step? How can you reflect God's love in your daily interactions? How can you live as salt and light in a way that encourages others in their faith? What can you do today to let the peace and love of Christ shine through you? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

# WEEK 3

Let God's love take the lead!  
Matthew 5:43–48

## **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

## **PRAY**

Pray for the courage to love beyond what feels easy.

## **GROW**

So what's your next step? Is there someone in your life who is difficult to love right now? How can you show them kindness anyway? How can you grow in reflecting God's love, even when it means stepping outside your comfort zone? Who around you might need to see love in action today? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

# WEEK 4

Let's pray the way Jesus prayed!  
Matthew 6:5–15

## **STUDY**

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.  
**What stands out to you in this passage and why?**

## **PRAY**

Ask God for help in seeking an authentic connection through prayer, not just the right words.

## **GROW**

So what's your next step? How often do you take time to pray like Jesus did—with honesty, trust, and a focus on God's will? How can you follow Jesus' example by praying for forgiveness, provision, and guidance? Who in your life might need your prayers this week? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.