

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 Heals Bartimaeus
Mark 10:46-52

Bottom Line

Make time to help others.

Activity

"Times" Up!

What You Need:

Different areas in your home, paper, pencil, timer

What You Do:

Tell your child that you're going to time them doing different tasks around your home. Before they start, have them guess how long each task will take them. Start the timer as they start each task. Once they finish, stop the timer and compare their guess to their actual amount of time it took.

Timed Tasks (these may vary based on availability—feel free to add in some of your own):

- Make a bed
- Set the table with a plate, napkin, and eating utensil for each member of the family
- Unload the dishwasher
- Tie a shoe (someone else's, preferably)
- Tidy a room
- Go get the mail
- Throw away the expired food in the pantry/fridge
- Organize a bin or toy box
- Gather all the shoes and put them in the room they belong in

When you've finished, say, "Each of those tasks took time! Some took more time than others. It just goes to show that helping takes time. We have to stop doing what we're doing, or maybe even what we really WANT to be doing, so we can help someone else. But when you make time to help others, it's always worth it in the end."

Talk About the Bible Story

Who did Jesus help in our story today?
(*Bartimaeus, a man who couldn't see*)

What did Jesus do for Bartimaeus?
(*Jesus healed him so he could see.*)

Can you think of someone in your life who has a need you can help with?

What could you do to make time to help them?

What gets in our way of making time for others?

Talk about a time when someone took the time to help you, even though they didn't have to.



Prayer

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

"God, thank You for Your great love and care for us. We know that we can only show compassion because You are compassionate to us! This week, we want to be friends that make time to help others. When we're tempted to keep doing what we want to do, will You remind us to show compassion and care instead? Help us treat others the way we want to be treated. We love You so much, and it's in Jesus' name we pray, amen."