

WEEKLY PLAN



Week 2: He First Loved Us

The gospel message is powerful because it tells us that we didn't make the first move. God's love is good because it was love before we even knew how to love. This is deeply moving in a world that feels predisposed to judge, cancel, and critique everyone for everything. There is a wholeness in the goodness of God's love.

PRAYERTIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears is not complete in love (1 John 4:18).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

Lord, there is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears is not complete in love. These are the areas of my life where fear is present Lord______. May Your love drive this out.



PARENT PRE-READING: We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19).

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in 1 John 4:19, and it says, "We love because he first loved us." Why do you think it's important that God is our example of love rather than what the world shows us love might look like?



STARTING QUESTIONS

Have you experienced seeing someone picked on or treated poorly? What was your response? Should you have done something different?

READ THIS TOGETHER Luke 10:29-37

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Samaritans were seen as outcasts to the crowd Jesus was speaking to and not often liked by the culture. Why do you think Jesus would choose a Samaritan to be the person who helps the hurt man?

What should we learn from this story when we see people hurting? How do we respond?

Is there someone or a group of people in your life that you find it difficult to have compassion for or show mercy to? What should we do if this is ever the case?



SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Sadly, online can be a very mean place. If your children have social media accounts they probably know all too well how hateful others can be. Yet we are called to be a light in the darkness. Work together as a family to think about something encouraging, loving, and kind you can post together as a family. If you are creative, consider making something. You can share the same thing across all your social platforms or make your own individual posts. The goal is to show God's goodness for all to see.