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, NIrV

Bible Story

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
John 6:1–13

Key Question

What do you have that you can use to help others?

Activity

Good for Good

What You Need:

Paper, pencil

What You Do:

Tell your child to make a list of five things they're good at and enjoy doing. As they write, encourage them by telling them what you see in them, and what gifts you think they have.

After they make their list, prompt your child to think of a way they could use what they're good at to help others. Ask them to write one way next to each item on their list.

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Jesus show compassion in today's story? *(He fed the crowd of people miraculously, using one boy's food.)*

Look back at your list. Can you think of a time when you used any of the skills or gifts God gave you to make a difference for someone? Explain.

What can you do when you want to help someone, but you don't think you have anything to offer?

Parent: Share an age-appropriate prayer request that you have right now. Ask your child if they'll use some of their prayer time to pray for you.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for having compassion on me—for always giving me exactly what I need. Thank You most of all for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Because of Him, I always have hope and help when I'm in need. Please help us to be more like You. Show us how we can share Your love and compassion by giving what we have . . . no matter how small it may seem. Amen."