

Unit 13

We Are Important to Jesus

He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://echoescurriculum.com/video/> to watch **We Are Important to Jesus** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in September.

The video shows a girl and her family going through the day. As we watch what they are doing, we hear many ways we can know that we are important to Jesus throughout the day.

- How do you know you are important to someone?

Our Bible stories this month tell us about Jesus and His friends. As we meet the woman at the well (John 4:4-26), Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43), Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), and Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13), we see what Jesus does for them. That helps us understand that Jesus knows they are important to Him. And Jesus shows us we are important to Him because He knows who we are, He listens when we ask Him for help, He is our friend, and He wants us to follow Him.

- How do you know you're important to Jesus?
- Memorize 1 Peter 5:7. We can know we're important to someone when they care for us. If someone cares for you, they like you and they do things to show you that they care. What did Jesus do to show you He cares for you?
- Spend time at a meal tomorrow talking about being important to Jesus. Give each family member time to tell the other members in your family one way that Jesus cares for them and that they are important to Him. For example, Jesus cares enough to listen when (person's name) prays at bedtime.

End with a short prayer. Dear Jesus, thank You for caring for us. Help us to know that we are important to You. Amen.

Unit 14

Jesus Helps Us

“The Father himself loves you.”
John 16:27

Your Devo Time

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In the video, a girl and her mom use a “Friday Flashback” to talk through how Jesus helped the girl through the week. She discovered that Jesus sent help when she needed it, taught her about forgiveness, and helped her celebrate making a good choice.

- How do people help you?

Our Bible stories show ways Jesus helped the people around Him. Jesus showed that He cares when we are hungry when He fed over 5,000 people with a little boy’s lunch (John 6:1-14). Jesus doesn’t want us to worry (Matthew 6:25-34), He cares if we’re lost (Luke 15:1-7), and Jesus always loves us even when we do wrong things (Luke 15:11-24). It isn’t always easy to know that Jesus is helping. Sometimes it takes a “Friday Flashback” to look back and see Jesus at work in our lives.

- How does Jesus help you?
- Memorize John 16:27. God the Father loves us so much that He helps us. Sometimes He sends others to help us. Take time for a family flashback. How do you see Jesus helping you this week?
- Give each family member an adhesive bandage. Ask everyone to put the bandages in different places around the house. When family members see a bandage during the week, they can remember that Jesus helps them.

End with a short prayer. Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son Jesus for us. And thank You that Jesus helps us. Amen.

Unit 15

God Made the World

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://echoescurriculum.com/video/> to watch **God Made the World** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in November.

It's field trip day for the kids in our video! The kids are at a butterfly house discovering more about plants and insects and how they work together in the world God made.

- What are some of the things God made when He made the world?

Each of the Bible stories this month focuses on how God made the world. First, He created daytime and nighttime. Those had to be in place before He made water and air. The water and the air support the land that supports the plants. And then God made animals that needed the daytime, nighttime, water, air, land, and plants to live. God's world all fits together like a wonderful complicated puzzle!

- Memorize Genesis 1:31. God is perfect. And as the perfect Creator He looked at all He had made and it was very good. Think of how everything fits together! Play a family response game with this memory verse. One person starts with, "God made (name what God made)." Then the rest of the family responds, "and it was very good!" Play several rounds.
- Make "God Made the World" placemats. Write "Thank you God for making ..." on large sheets of paper. You will need one for each family member. Talk about the different things that God made for which your family is thankful. Have family members decorate their placemats: draw, color, and glue or tape on pictures of what you just talked about. Young children may want their ideas written on their placemats. Use the placemats at a family meal.

End with a short prayer. Dear God, You are Creator. You made the world with daytime and nighttime, water and air, plants, and animals. You made the world the right way to work together. Thank You! Amen.