

Unit 22 God Takes Care of Us

“Trust in the LORD with all of your heart.”
Proverbs 3:5

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch “God Takes Care of Us” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in June.

The video shows children talking about ways that God cares for His people. As we watch them share, we hear many ways we can see God’s love for us.

- What are some ways God cares for you?

Our Bible stories in this unit tell us about God taking care of His people. We see that God is with Abraham when he moves to a new land (Genesis 12:1-9). Then, we learned how God always keeps His promises (Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-6). We also talked about how God provides for us, just as He provided manna for the Israelites (Exodus 16:11-18). The last story in our unit about God giving the Israelites water taught us that we can trust God’s provision (Exodus 17:1-6). Through all the stories, we see that God cares for His people!

- What is one way we can trust God to care for us?
- Memorize Proverbs 3:5. We can put our trust in the Lord! As a family, take turns sharing ways that each family member can trust God this week. He loves us and takes care of us!
- Spend time at a family meal talking about the ways God cares for us. Give each family member time to tell the other members in your family one example of God taking care of us. (Example: “God takes care of us by giving us parents to care for us.”)

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for taking care of us. Help us to thank you for all the ways you love us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 23 God Wants Us to Care for Others

“Be kind and compassionate to one another.”
Ephesians 4:32

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch “God Wants Us to Care for Everyone” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in July.

In the video, we get to hear children share the ways they show care for other people. God takes care of us, and He wants us to practice caring for others, too!

- What is a way we can care for others?

Our Bible stories show ways the followers of God’s people cared for each other. First, we learned how Isaac chose not to quarrel over the wells (Genesis 26:12-25). Then we heard how Joseph forgave his brothers—and how we can forgive those who hurt us (Genesis 37:27-28; 45:1-15). In another story, we talked about King David caring for Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-3). The next story in our unit focused on how the widow fed Elijah (1 Kings 17:8-16). In our last story, we learned how Elisha helped a widow (2 Kings 4:1-7). We can show God’s care for others!

- How does your family show God’s care for other people?
- Memorize Ephesians 4:32. God designed people to show His care for each other. As a family, celebrate the ways He has helped your family love each other. This week, how can each person in your family show someone God’s care?
- Give each family member a sheet of paper and crayons or colored pencils. Ask everyone to draw a picture of how they can show God’s care for others this week. When everyone has finished, give them the opportunity to share about their pictures. Use this as an opportunity to celebrate the way God cares for His people.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for helping us to love and care for others! Please help us to show your care for people. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 24

Jesus Cares for Everyone

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.”

John 3:16

Your Devo Time

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch “Jesus Cares for Everyone” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in August.

The children in our video have lots of great ideas for how Jesus cares for everyone! He comforts us when we’re sad, keeps us safe, and provides for our needs! Because Jesus loves us so much, we can show that love to others.

- What is a way you can show Jesus’ love to others?

Each of the Bible stories this month focuses on a way that Jesus cares for people. We learned that Jesus cares for everyone, just like He cared for Zacchaeus (Matthew 9:9-13). In the next lesson, we talked about how the Good Samaritan showed love to his neighbor (Luke 10:25-37). The following lesson taught us that like the leper, we can be thankful that Jesus cares for us (Luke 17:11-19). In our last story of the unit, we talked about how Jesus cares for us when we’re lonely (John 4:4-26). Each of these Bible stories teaches us about Jesus’ love for us!

Jesus’ friends help others!

- Memorize John 3:16. We can show Jesus’ care for others! Play a family response game with this memory verse. One person starts, saying: “For God so loved the world...” Then the rest of the family responds, repeating the memory verse: “...that he gave his one and only Son!” Play several rounds.
- Make “Caring Others” cards. On several index cards, write: “I will show Jesus’ love for others by ____.” Talk about the different ways your family can help others, such as getting along with siblings, sharing toys with a friend, or helping parents around the house. Use the ideas to complete the sentences on the cards. Once you’ve finished writing on each card, keep the stack of cards somewhere your family can find quick ideas for helping others.

End with a short prayer. Jesus, thank you that you care for everyone. Help us to care for others because you care for us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.