

#### of following Jesus.

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

Hi Parents! As part of the Essentials series, you and your child are invited to participate in weekly discipleship challenges! As you both learn about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, our hope is that these challenges help you as a parent to embrace your role as the primary discipler of your child. As you begin to create spiritual rhythms in your home, we hope these challenges spark your creativity and create moments of connection with your child that will last beyond this series!

**Memory Verse:** "Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing. But you should meet together and encourage each other." Hebrews 10:24-25 ICB

### Going to Church - The Early Church (Hebrews 10:23-25, Acts 2:42-47)

Your child was challenged to ask you about how/why you started attending church. Your challenge is to share why attending church is important to you.

### Generosity - Widow's Offering (Matthew 12:41-44)

• Your child was challenged to be generous by looking for ways to be helpful. Your challenge is to help them offer their help/generosity towards someone in need.

# Serving - Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17)

Your child was challenged to ask you how you serve and pray about ways to serve the church or community. <u>Your challenge</u> is to find a way to serve others together.



Memory Verse: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength." Deuteronomy 6:5 ICB

#### Baptism - Jesus is Baptized (Matthew 3:13-17)

O Your child was challenged to ask you to share your baptism story. <u>Your challenge</u> is to share your baptism story!

## Reading the Bible - Parable of the Sower (Mark 14:1-20)

O Your child was challenged to ask you to read a Bible story with them. <u>Your challenge</u> is to read a Bible story with your child.

### Prayer - The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Your child was challenged to practice thanking God, asking for something from God and sharing something with God when they pray this week. <u>Your challenge</u> is to practice praying with your child.

### LOVE PEOPLE

**Memory Verse:** "So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always." Matthew 28:19-20 ICB

### Sharing the Gospel - Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

Your child was challenged to practice sharing the Gospel with someone using the 3 circles method. <u>Your challenge</u> is to take turns and practice sharing the Gospel with your child.

### Making Disciples - Jesus Sends out the 12 (Mark 6:7-13)

Your child was challenged to make a decision to follow Jesus if/when they are ready OR share a way that they can show the love of Jesus to others. Your challenge is to use the Faith Decision Guide (scan the code) to walk your elementary child through what it means to choose to follow Jesus OR help your preschool child think of ways to show the love of Jesus to others.

### Baptizing - Phillip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)

Your child was challenged to share with you what baptism means. Your challenge is to walk them through the Baptism Guide (scan the code) if they need help understanding baptism.

CELEBRATE! Congratulations on completing the Essentials Family Challenge! Celebrate together by going out for ice cream, having a family movie night or spending the day together at your favorite outdoor spot. Reflect on what you have learned through the Essentials series and chat with your child about their favorite moments and share your favorites too! Take a photo and tag us @sandalskids to share your celebration with us!