

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



Puzzles don't come with step-by-step instructions for solving them. That's what makes them so much fun. You have to try to figure out the next best step to take. When Jesus left Earth, his followers had to wonder the same thing—"What's next?" In this 4-week series about the Early Church, kids will see how Jesus' followers solved the puzzle of what to do next and the ways we can follow in their footsteps. As kids discover what to do next, they'll learn they can **follow Jesus, pray for others, love like Jesus did, and share the good news.**

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1 We can follow Jesus.

Acts 9:1–20; 1 Corinthians 15:1–9

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, thank God for sending Jesus to guide you.

GROW

So what's your next step? What challenges make it difficult for you to follow Jesus? Can you talk with someone when you need help staying close to Jesus? How can you help someone follow Jesus? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 We can pray for others.

Acts 9:36–43; James 5:13–16

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, spend time praying for someone close to you.

GROW

So what's your next step? How can you make praying for others a habit? Can you make a list of people to pray for this week? Can you thank someone for praying for you in the past? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

We can love like Jesus does.

Acts 10:1–8; 11:1–18; John 13:34–35



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

This week, thank God for showing you how to love and care for others.



GROW

So what's your next step? Can you practice seeing things from someone else's perspective? Is it hard to include people outside your usual friend groups? Who can you show God's love to that you haven't before? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

We can share the good news.

Acts 16:6–15; Matthew 28:18–20



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.

What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

This week, ask God for chances to share the good news with others.



GROW

So what's your next step? Can you tell someone about the good news? How can your actions help someone see the good news Jesus brings? How can you work through what makes you hesitant to share about what Jesus has done? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.