

Every believer is called and equipped to share the love of Christ – we call this living “On Mission.” This includes both adults and children. But how do we do this as families? We need to begin the process of discipling the next generation to be ready and equipped to share the love of Christ to those with whom they come in contact. We believe this is a process – and we hope they will imitate you as you imitate Christ.

WHAT IS LIVING ON MISSION? *Mark 16:15*

This is the belief that all people – regardless of race, gender, status, or age – are sinners who need a Savior. This Savior is Jesus. He is the perfect Son of God who came to earth to take the punishment for our sins. He paid the price for our sins on the cross, rose again, and is now in heaven with the Father. Anyone who loves and trusts Him can have a relationship with Him, and live with Him in eternity. Jesus is coming back soon to take those who love Him. The reason we are on earth is to share this Good News, the gospel message, to the world around us. Our words and actions should be used to tell others about the saving grace of Jesus, and the compassion of our heavenly Father. He cares about His children and He acts on their behalf. As God’s children, we are called to love others because we love God, and because He loves us. We desire to present the Good News to others, in an effort to allow them to experience this relationship with their Creator, and to help spare them from eternal separation from Him.

Pray Together As A Family

Read: Ephesians 6:18-19

Discuss: Why do we pray together? Why do we pray for God’s children? Why do we pray for those who do not yet know Him?

Do: Intercede together, praying for someone else. Pray for another believer you know, and pray for someone who is not yet a believer. Pray for your community and for your nation. Show them how to approach the throne of grace with freedom, confidence, humility, and praise.

Be Friends on Purpose

Read: Luke 7:34, 1 Corinthians 10:31, John 15:12-17

Discuss: Who are some of your friends? What are they like? What does it mean that Jesus was a friend to sinners? Why do you think God gave you the friends you have? Should we only be friends when it is fun and easy? Why or why not?

Do: Make a list of ways you can love your friends and neighbors even better, and also how you can make new friends. Think about where God might have you in places where there are people who don’t know Him yet.

Learn

Read: Job 27:11, Psalm 25:5, Psalm 119:68, Romans 15:4

Discuss: Where is the only place we can go that we know we will ALWAYS find the truth? When the Bible is hard to understand, who can help us? What are some things that you think God wants you to learn?

Do: Put yourself in places where you can learn more about God. Put yourself in places where you can work on a skill or interest God has given you where you can also meet new friends.

Share

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:13-14, Acts 4:32, Deuteronomy 15:11, James 1:27

Discuss: What is generosity? How has God been generous to us? Do you know anyone who is poor or in need?

Do: Pray together for hearts to give. Make a list of ways to care for those in need, so that you can show them the love that God has for them. Choose one thing from your list and do it together.

Speak

Read: Jeremiah 20:9, Exodus 4:12, Psalm 145, Romans 10:14-15

Discuss: Share how other people’s words have helped you know and love God, as well as how you have done the same for others. God’s Word is perfect – how can we share it with others? Do most people in the world get to hear about how Jesus loves them?

Do: Pray for opportunities and the words to speak to others about God. Give them opportunities to “practice” on you, pretending you are someone who doesn’t know about God. What would they say? What would they share? Memorize a verse together that might help them have the words to say when God brings them an opportunity.