With inspiration and dedication to my dad! My hero, the man who didn't have to be! I love you. -Kristin

> WEEKLY LESSON 1 "God has compassion"

PSALM 103: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love.

Explain and teach your child what compassion means. Loving, caring, being nice, and listening to others are all verbs to use to teach a young child to understand. Ask them open-ended questions: "What can you do if a friend was crying?" "How can we make someone who is sad feel better?" "If someone shows compassion, they are showing what?"

> WEEKLY LESSON 3 "Share the word about the Lord"

2 CORINTHIANS 4: We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

Have your child "write" a letter to the Lord this week. If your child does not know how to write just yet, have them tell you a message they want to tell the Lord and you write down their answer. Read their message back to them afterwards. Remind child: "sharing is caring" and to share the word of God with their friends.

## WEEKLY LESSON 5 "Have faith & <u>believe"</u>

MATTHEW 8: A centurion came to Jesus asking for his help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

Teach your child what the word believe means. In simple terms: "To know something and never forget it." Give examples to help teach: "I believe in God because he is with me in my heart." Ask your child: "What do you believe in?" It is okay if your child says something "fairytale-like." That is normal; it is a sign they understand the meaning of "believing involves using your imagination."

## WEEKLY LESSON 2 "It is good to <u>Pray</u>"

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PSALM 141: 'O Lord, I call to you; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

Remember to pray with your children every night this week, or before dinner. Teach them a new prayer, or say an old one together you both already know. Ask your child to tell you a prayer before bedtime. Ask your child and talk about: "Why is it good to pray? Who do we pray to?"

## WEEKLY LESSON 4 "<u>God</u>, he is with us always"

MATTHEW 28: "All authorities in heaven and on earth have been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." -God

Talk with your child about God this week. Ask your child:

Who is he? Where does he live? Even though we can't see him, how do we know he is with us? Why do we need God? What do you think God looks like? If you could tell God anything, what would you want to say?

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