

FOR THE family.

discussion guide for families

HOW TO USE

From October 5th to November 9th, we're challenging your families to become **FOR THE ONE** together! Carve out time each week to read the Big Idea, Bible Scripture, and Question with one another. Then, make a plan to do the challenge together!

MEMORY VERSE

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." – Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

NORTHVIEW KIDS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

We will be challenging your kids to consider what ways they can commit to being generous **FOR THE ONE**. To be generous means "to freely give something with a happy heart." This means they can give of their time, resources, money, talents, etc. Think and pray through this as a family and **have your kid come ready to make their commitment on Sunday, November 2nd** in their class.

WEEK 1 - OCTOBER 5TH

BIG IDEA - Jesus is for the one!

BIBLE - Luke 15:1-7

QUESTION - How do you react when you find something that you had lost? What do you think and how do you feel when you hear that God rejoices when someone who is lost finds him again?

CHALLENGE - Play hide and seek with your kids! Don't want to hide from them - hide an item instead and play "Hot and Cold". Once you find the person or thing that has been "lost", jump up and down, rejoice and celebrate loudly. Remind your kids this is how God reacts when people who are lost, find Him once again!

WEEK 2 - OCT 12TH

BIG IDEA - Jesus cares about our heart!

BIBLE - Mark 12:41-44

QUESTION - What does your heart love? Who does your heart love? Have you ever given with your heart before?

CHALLENGE - Tell your kids what you have noticed about their hearts and how they have loved other people. Then craft hearts together and write on each heart one way your family can show Jesus your heart for others through generosity or service! Hang your hearts in a central location in your house. As you complete each heart challenge, take it down and thank God for your chance to love Him and love others!

WEEK 3 - OCT 19TH

BIG IDEA - Jesus can do a lot with a little!

BIBLE - John 6:1-15

QUESTION - How would you have reacted if you were one of Jesus' disciples when he multiplied the bread and fish? How do you feel to know Jesus can do a lot with a little (ex: excited, peaceful, relief, grateful, amazed)?

CHALLENGE - Giving your kids only a few supplies, challenge them to be creative and find a way to create something! Then, give them the same supplies and have them create something different. Repeat as many times as you'd like. When finished, remind them that it doesn't matter how little Jesus has to work with, He can do so much more than we can imagine in so many life changing ways!

WEEK 4 - OCTOBER 26TH

BIG IDEA - Jesus changes how we live!

BIBLE - Luke 19:1-10

QUESTION - What would you do to be able to see Jesus? How have you seen Jesus change someone's life? Do you believe Jesus has changed your life? How?

CHALLENGE - Pick a night where each family member chooses another family member's outfit! Then plan a family night (dinner out, movie night, game night) and wear your "new" outfits. Talk about how tonight someone else changed "our look/style" yet Jesus changes not only our clothes, but also how we live. Share with your kids how Jesus has changed your life and how you choose to live for Him every day!

WEEK 5 - NOVEMBER 2ND

BIG IDEA - We can give Jesus our best!

BIBLE - Matthew 26:6-13

QUESTION - How would you have reacted if you were one of Jesus' disciples when she poured out the perfume? What do you think giving Jesus your best could look like?

CHALLENGE - Introduce the "give, save, spend" jar concept to your kids, but emphasize the "give" jar first. As a family, agree to put the first specific percent or amount of any money received during the week into the giving jar! Remind your kids that giving money to Jesus first allows us to give him our best not just leftovers.

WEEK 6 - NOVEMBER 9TH

BIG IDEA - Nothing is more important than Jesus!

BIBLE - Mark 10:17-27

QUESTION - What is something that would be hard for you to give up? How can you show others that nothing is more important than Jesus?

CHALLENGE - Get a large, clear jar/container and a few large items (ex: three golf balls) and smaller items (ex: dried beans, rice, and water). First, let the children fill the jar with the small items (representing daily chores, screen time, or hobbies). The jar will fill up, leaving no room for the golf ball. Second, empty the jar and explain that the golf balls represent Jesus and the "big rocks" of your faith (prayer/generosity/serving others). Third, fill the jar with the golf balls first, then pour in the smaller items. The smaller items will fill the spaces around the large ones, showing that when you make time for the most important things first, the other things will find their place. Discuss what the "golf balls" and "beans" are in your family's life and how as a family you can start putting Jesus first!