

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

## PROMISE OF COMPASSION

POINT UP



THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL;



SWEEP ARMS WIDE

CROSS ARMS OVER CHEST

HE HAS COMPASSION ON ALL HE HAS MADE. POINT AT THINGS AROUND YOU

## STORY: JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN – JOHN 9

### DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM JOHN 9 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

1. What problem did the blind man have, and how did Jesus show compassion to him?
2. How do you think the blind man felt when Jesus noticed him and helped him?
3. What does this story teach us about how Jesus treats people who are hurting or overlooked?
4. Can you think of a time when someone showed compassion to you by helping you?
5. Who is someone our family could show compassion to this week, and what is one way we could help them?

## BIG IDEA: JESUS SHOWS COMPASSION BY HELPING

### DID YOU KNOW...?

In Jesus' time, people who were blind often sat near busy roads or city gates where lots of people passed by each day. Sadly, many believed that being blind meant someone had done something wrong, so others often ignored them. But Jesus did something surprising—He stopped, noticed the blind man, and helped him. When Jesus healed the man, it wasn't just a miracle for his eyes; it showed everyone that God's compassion is for everyone. Jesus cared deeply about people who were overlooked and showed that helping others is one way God's love shines bright!

### SOMETHING TO NOTE!

In John 9, Jesus reveals that God's compassion is not tied to blame, perfection or worthiness. When the disciples assume the man's blindness must be the result of sin, Jesus gently corrects them—shifting the focus from "Who caused this?" to "What can God do through this?" This matters deeply for kids. It teaches them that suffering is not always a punishment and that God's heart moves toward those who are hurting. Jesus' compassion is active—He sees, He moves closer, and He helps. As you talk with your children, emphasize that compassion reflects God's character: He notices people others overlook, enters into their pain, and brings healing and hope. When we help others with love, we are participating in the compassionate work of God that Jesus modeled so clearly.

## PROMISES

### PRAYER PROMPT:

Before you pray, take a moment to think about the people Jesus notices in this story—someone hurting, overlooked, or in need of help. As a family, talk about who around you might need compassion right now. As you pray, ask God to help you see others the way Jesus does and to give your family loving hearts that are ready to help, serve, and show compassion wherever there is need.