

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 BELONGING

JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME. DON'T KEEP THEM AWAY. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO PEOPLE LIKE THEM."

POINT TO SELF

WAVE TOWARD SELF

SHAKE HEAD "NO"

POINT UP

SPREAD ARMS TO GROUP

STORY: THE EARLY CHURCH SHARES – ACTS 2:42–47

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM ACTS 2 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

1. What were some of the things the early church shared with each other in Acts 2:42–47?
2. How do you think it made people feel to share meals, prayers, and their belongings together?
3. Why do you think sharing helps us feel like we belong to God's family?
4. What are some ways our family can "share together" this week—like our time, talents, or things we have?
5. When we share with others, how does it show Jesus' love to the people around us?

BIG IDEA: BELONGING MEANS SHARING TOGETHER

DID YOU KNOW?

In the early church, believers often met in each other's homes—not in big buildings like we do today! Homes in Jerusalem were small, with open courtyards where people would gather to eat, pray, and learn about Jesus together. When Acts 2 says they "broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts," it means they were turning their everyday meals into moments of worship and community. Sharing food wasn't just about eating—it was about belonging. Every shared meal reminded them that they were part of one big family in Jesus, no matter how different they were.

SOMETHING TO NOTE:

When we belong to God's family, we don't just sit together — we share life together. That means we:

- Share what we have (our time, things, and resources)
- Share what we feel (our joys, worries, and prayers)
- Share what we know (stories about Jesus and how He helps us)

In the early church (Acts 2:42–47), believers didn't see their belongings as just "mine" or "yours." They saw everything as "ours." Because they all belonged to Jesus, they also belonged to each other!

PROMISES

PRAYER PROMPT:

Thank God for giving us a place to belong in His family. Ask Him to help your family share what you have—your time, kindness, prayers, and even your things—so others can feel loved and included too. Pray that your home will be a place where people experience Jesus' love through the way you share together.