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**MORNING TIME**

As your teen starts their day, remind them of the things that Jesus said matter most:

Love God.
Love Others.
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**THEIR TIME**

Encourage your teen to take time this month to read stories about Jesus in the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Remind them that loving God equals living like Jesus and that the Gospels are where we learn how Jesus lived.

Take every opportunity you have to engage your teen in conversation about what they are learning and how they are applying it to their daily lives!

**MEAL TIME**

Use meal times together this month to talk about people you have a hard time getting along with. Share recent and specific stories about interactions you have had with these people. Then work together to brainstorm ideas for how you could approach future interactions with a little more love.

**BED TIME**

Use the description of love found in 1 Corinthians 13 to focus your prayer time this month. Ask God to help you lead your family with this kind of love.

Here is a sample prayer you can pray with your teen this month: “Dear God, help us love one another and everyone we encounter with your unfailing love that always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Amen.”

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