

**memory verse** "God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." II Cor 1:4 NLT

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# Living Real

**as we focus on living real in our main services, through the parables, our children will be learning the same principles. use this sheet as a guide to some family activities and discussions each week this month.**

## october 4

**bible story:** Friend in Need Parable: Asking for Help in the Night. Luke 11:5-13

**key concept:** I need help from God and others.

**activity:** Play a game like Mother May I as a family. The leader allows other family members to come closer but they have to ask "Mother (or Father), may I? If they remember to ask, they can do what has been told them. If they do it, but forget to ask, they go back to the start line.

### discussion ?'s

- When is it hardest to ask for help?
- What things do you find that you need the most help in?
- How do you think God could help you with something you are dealing with right now?

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## october 11

**bible story:** Trust Jesus Parable: The Lost Sheep Matthew 18:12-14;  
Luke 15:4-7

**key concept:** I mess up at times but God has a perfect plan to help me out.

**activity:** Play Hide and Seek by taking turns as to who are those hiding and who is "it."

### discussion ?'s

- Can we hide anything from God?
- I wonder why God loves us so much?

## october 18

**bible story:** Depend on God Parable: The Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32

**key concept:** I can trust God no matter what.

**activity:** Housecleaning: make this a fun event with your kids this week. You might even just have everyone put their fingerprints on a window and everyone takes part in cleaning it. God promises to “clean us up” – to forgive us – when we ask Him.

### discussion ?'s

- Is there anything God won't forgive?
- Is there anything that can separate us from God's love? Read Romans 8:31+
- Draw a family picture of Jesus being with your family.

## october 25

**bible story:** Forgiveness: No or Know? Parable: Unforgiving Servant Matthew 18:21-35

**key concept:** God forgives and so should I.

**activity:** Put a band-aid on each person's forehead for the day as a reminder that sometimes, through our words and actions, we hurt one another and we should apologize and forgive one another.

### discussion ?'s

- Parents, tell of a time, when you were your children's age, when it was difficult to forgive someone.
- Is it always easy to forgive someone?
- I wonder what God wants me to do when saying sorry is really hard. How about when someone says sorry to me and I am still mad?

## november 1

**bible story:** Be a Light Parable: Lamp Under a Bowl Matthew 5:14-16

**key concept:** Share with others what God has done for you.

**activity:** Create a cave in your living room by placing blankets over some chairs. Gather everyone in the darkened cave. Make sure to have a flashlight (or one for each family member) for the discussion time.

### discussion ?'s

- God does not want us to hide the good things He has done. Each person can put the flashlight on as they share something good God has done.
- Who are some people not here with us right now that we can share these good things about God with?
- What are some fun ways we can share them?

**parents, how you are living real for Christ will show your children how they can live that way? a picture paints a 1000 words.**