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Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan
Monday	Deuteronomy 24:17-22	Show kindness
Tuesday	Isaiah 58:6-11	Help those who need help
Wednesday	James 2:14-26	Faith produces good works
Thursday	Mark 12:28-34	Two great commandments
Friday	Romans 13:8-10	Love fulfils the law
Saturday	Psalms 72	He will deliver the needy
Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed

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Tuesday	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Parable of the Sower
Wednesday	Romans 10:13-18	Proclamation of the message
Thursday	John 4:31-38	Fields ripe for harvest
Friday	Acts 13:1-12	Saul and Barnabas sent out
Saturday	Psalms 108	With God there is victory
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan

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*May God produce good fruit in you. May you learn to know God better and better. Amen. (Colossians 1:10)*

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**Faith Talk:**

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- Share about a time when someone else was kind to you.
- In Jesus' parable, the Good Samaritan went out of his way to help the man who had been robbed. What would you have done if you saw the hurt man on the road? How is God like the "Good Samaritan" in the way he treats us?
- Who do you know that needs some help? What could you do to be a "good neighbor" to them?

**Devotional Practices:**

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**Service:**

Plan a surprise act of service for a neighbor e.g. bake them some treats; clean their garden or mow their lawn; wash their car.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

Give out "Good Samaritan" awards in your home this week (e.g. small treats or coupons). When you gather as a household, share ways in which you have seen household members act as "good neighbors" to one another or people outside your home. Reward household members accordingly.

**Parent Toolbox: Developing Compassion in Children**

Compassion, or empathy, means identifying with and being concerned about other people's feelings and needs. It makes us aware of the suffering of others, and allows us to empathize with them or to feel their suffering as our own. Developing a sense of compassion in our children helps to guide their actions and behaviors in positive ways. We do so by helping our children to think about how others feel. For example, if your child says or does something hurtful to another child, help them to focus their attention on the other's feelings e.g. ask "How do you think they feel? Would you like to feel like that?" Second, we help children develop compassion by encouraging acts of caring and kindness towards others. Involve your children in showing care toward others, such as doing errands for sick neighbors or opening doors for others. Third, we promote compassion by teaching our children to be open to differences they see in others (e.g. people of different cultures or backgrounds), to give others the benefit of the doubt, and to explain the actions of others in the kindest ways.

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