

WEEK 3

DISCUSSION GUIDE



Our relationships with our families can sometimes feel a little bit like a way-too-competitive game night. With our families, sometimes it's fun . . . but other times, we might fight for first place, gang up on each other, betray each other, and walk away with frustration and hurt feelings. Families can be sources of joy and laughter but also stress and tension. But what if our families could be places where we could all help each other win? In this four-week series from the New Testament, we'll look at how the earliest followers of Jesus created a new kind of community as God's family. Through their example, we'll learn that **there is enough when we share what we have** — and **if there isn't enough, God provides**. We'll also learn that **our actions can speak when words aren't enough** and that **God's love is always enough**.

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

Our actions can speak when words aren't enough.

BIBLE

1 John 3:16–18; James 2:14–19; Act 9:17–18

- What does having fun as a family look like in your house?
- When do you feel the most loved by your family or friends?
- What does it mean for you to show people you love them?
- What stands out to you about what John says about loving people?
- What do you think about the idea that "Faith without works is dead?"
- Was there something you didn't follow through on for your family this week? How could you make that right?
- When you feel like you should do something this week, what steps can you take to move from empathy to action?
- How would you determine the limits of what you have to offer?
- Is there something you said "no" to recently that you know you should have done? How might you offer your help this week?
- Read Acts 9:17–18. What is one thing that Ananias does in this passage that will help you do something to help others when you don't have words?