

# PARENTING IS A RELATIONSHIP

## Families Make a Difference Part 1

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children." Matthew 19:14*

*"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35*

## How do I love like Jesus?

I NEED A BETTER \_\_\_\_\_

*"... just as I..."*

I will \_\_\_\_\_ the example that I focus on.

*"And you should follow my example, just as I follow Christ's." 1 Corinthians 11:1*

I NEED A STRONGER \_\_\_\_\_

*"... I have loved you..."*

I will give love as I have \_\_\_\_\_ love.

*"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1*

*"I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love." John 15:9*

*"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2*

I NEED A HIGHER \_\_\_\_\_

*"...by this all will know that you are my disciples..."*

Parenting must have a purpose  
higher than \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1*

*"Children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3a*

I NEED A GREATER \_\_\_\_\_

*"Just as I have loved you..."*

Caution: Don't try this at home with  
out an \_\_\_\_\_!

*"We love, because he first loved us." I John 4:19*

*"I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength." Philippians 4:13*

## Putting it into practice

Love is spelled \_\_\_\_\_

*"By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak. Remember that our Lord Jesus said, 'More blessings come from giving than from receiving.'" Acts 20:35*

Love is spelled \_\_\_\_\_

*"If I speak... if I know... if I have faith... if I give... if I sacrifice... but do not have love, I am nothing." 1 Cor 13:1-3*

Next Sunday

WHAT GOD SAYS TO FAMILIES

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