



## Family Devos August Week 1



**Scripture:** Exodus 20:17

### **Discussion Points:**

- What is something you don't have, but want?
- What feelings do you have when you think about it?
- What would you do to get it?
- What problems can occur when you want something but don't get it? (Read James 4:2)
- How do we avoid these problems?

**Family Activity:** Make a Thankful Jar

— Take time as a family each week (or several times a week) to write down one thing you are thankful for and put it in the jar.



## Family Devos August Week 2



**Scripture:** Titus 3:1-2

### **Discussion Points:**

- Who are our authorities we are to respect?
- What does respect mean?
- Who should we show respect to besides people in authority positions?
- How do you want to be treated with respect? Allow everyone to answer.

**Family Activity:** As the kids prepare to go back to school, make a list of people they will need to show respect. Talk about specific things they can do or say that show respect.



## Family Devos August Week 3



**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:29-32

**Discussion Points:**

- What is unwholesome talk?
- What kind of words or actions build someone up?
- What are the reasons we are sometimes unkind? (Hint - verse 31)
- If we mess up and are unkind, what do we need to do?

**Family Activity:** Give each family member a stack of sticky notes.

- On one note, write down one kind thing you can do for the person to your right.
- On the other ones write something to encourage each family member and place it on their bedroom door sometime this week.



## Family Devos August Week 4



**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 4:12 & Matthew 20: 25-28

**Discussion Points:**

- What's the difference between being a leader and being a follower?
- What makes a good leader?
- Is "leader" and "bossy" the same thing?
- How can you be a leader at school? At home?

**Family Activity:** As a family, work together to make a Back to School Commitment

Examples for kids: Be kind to new people, Do homework without complaining, 1st time obedience, Don't ask for everything everyone else has, Get up when asked in am.

Examples for parents: Help with homework without unkind words, Will find special ways to encourage during the year, Will reward your efforts to be kind, content, respectful and a leader.