

# BASKETBALL LEAGUE DEVOTIONS

Parent Companion Guide

## PRACTICE 4

### KNOWLEDGE

is discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

### KEY VERSE

**JESUS GREW IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD  
AND ALL THE PEOPLE.**

**LUKE 2:52 (NLT)**

**Bottom Line:** When I discover what God says, I know how I should treat others.

For the last two weeks, we've been talking about knowledge, which is discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do. We've been talking about how we should turn to the Bible, God's Word, for knowledge because God knows everything—like how to make the right choice and the best way to treat others.

As we've been learning, God's Word tells us the best way to live. And one thing God really wants us to be good at is relationships—not only our relationship with Him but our relationship with others. God wants you to be a good friend. And He has given you His Word to show you how to do that. God wants you to care about the people around you. He wants you to listen and show compassion. And while you may not always get this right, the more knowledge you have—the more you discover what God has to say—the better you'll get at being the kind of friend God wants you to be.

Here's one of the most important things that God says about how we should treat other people: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39b, NLT) That means we should treat other people the way we want to be treated. That's pretty good advice, right? And it's also pretty easy to remember. When you are your friends, your family, your coworkers—whoever—you can think, "How would I want to be treated right now if I were them?" And then you treat them that way. It can take practice to think this way and even more practice to actually live this way, but we know from the Bible that it's the perfect place to start.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

(K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

- How does it make you feel when someone treats you badly?  
What about when someone treats you well?
- How should you treat other people?

(3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- How can you be a good friend?
- Why do you think Jesus said it was important to love others as we love ourselves?

(7<sup>th</sup> Grade and up)

- How can it help to see things from someone else's perspective?  
Can that affect how you are able to love them?
- What is something you can do to improve your relationships with other people?

## GOING DEEPER

This week, read Matthew 22:34-40 with your child. What does Jesus say is the most important commandment? What are some ways you can show your love for God? What is the other important commandment? What are some ways you can show your love for other people? Why did Jesus say that these are the most important commandments?