

# Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's need.

## DAY 1

### Read 2 Corinthians 1:3–4

This month, we're learning about compassion which is caring enough to do something about someone else's need. You can't show compassion without caring about others. Why should we care for others? Because God cares for us!

#### Fill It Up

1. Grab two disposable cups from the kitchen.
2. Write your name on one of the cups.
3. Set a timer for one minute. As the timer runs down, cover the second cup with the names of people you know: family members, friends, kids at school, in your neighborhood, on your sports teams, etc. Try to cover the cup with as many names as you can before the timer runs out.
4. Fill the cup with your name almost to the brim with water. This cup represents all the love and care God has for you.
5. Carefully pour the water from that cup into the second cup.
6. Read today's verse out loud as a prayer.  
**Thank God for caring for you so you can care for others.**

## DAY 2

### Read Isaiah 54:10

#### Jenga®, Anyone?

Grab some Jenga® blocks or something similar and a friend or sibling. Stack the blocks according to the game directions.

In this game, the tower falls down one hundred percent of the time. In fact, that's kind of the point of the game. You're trying to play so that someone else pulls the block to make the whole thing tumble to the table!

Guess what? God is not like a Jenga game. Nothing can shake or change God's steady love and care for you. God's love and care was proven when Jesus came to earth. When we put our trust in Jesus and follow Him, we can love others as God loves us.

**This week, pay attention to the people around you. Look for opportunities to care for others because God cares for you.** Thank God for His steady, constant love for you. Remember, following Jesus means caring for others.



### DAY 3

#### Read Psalm 86:15

God is *slow* to get angry, tender and kind, merciful and compassionate.

God is faithful and full of love and wants us to share that love with others. **When we choose kindness and compassion or when we are slow to get angry, we help others see the difference Jesus has made in our own life.** Following Jesus means caring for others.

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Stop for a minute and think about the people you see most every day. You wrote down some of their names on a cup earlier this week. Find that cup and look at one name. Ask God to help you care for that person this week. Ask for help to follow Jesus as you treat that person with kindness and compassion.

### DAY 4

#### Read John 15:12

Before His work was done on earth, Jesus spoke these words as a command, *"Friends, I want you to treat others the way I've treated you. I want you to show compassion and care."*

Jesus cared for the sick and the hurting. He took time to talk to people who were ignored. He fed those who were hungry. And soon, Jesus would complete the biggest act of love ever. He would give His life so that we could have a relationship with God, forever. That's why we are to show compassion to others. As followers of Jesus, we should love and care because Jesus loves us.

#### Crack the Code

Use the key below to fill in the letters and then repeat the phrase for today.

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Following Jesus means  
caring about others.