

Use this guide to help your family learn how  
God can help us show compassion.

**First, watch  
this week's  
video!**

**Compassion:  
Caring enough  
to do something  
about someone  
else's need**

### Memory Verse

"The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God."  
Micah 6:8, NIV

### Bible Story

Jesus Talks with  
a Woman from  
Samaria  
John 4:1-30, 39-42

### Key Question

Who matters to you?

## Activity

### Cereal-ly Overlooked

#### What You Need:

Two different (distinct) types of cereal, bowl

#### What You Do:

Pour a bowl of dry cereal. Then choose three pieces of another type of cereal, and "hide" those pieces among the other cereal in the bowl.

Say to your child, "Here's a bowl of [TYPE/BRAND] cereal. But in this bowl, there are also three pieces of [TYPE/BRAND] cereal. You have 30 seconds to find those three pieces—BUT you can't use your hands! You have to blow the cereal around to reveal the hidden pieces. Only then can you pick them out, one by one."

Cheer for your child as they find the three pieces of "different" cereal.

When they're finished, say, "You had to really pay attention to notice those different pieces of cereal. Otherwise, it was easy to overlook and miss them. It can be like that with the people in our neighborhood, too. If you don't pay attention to the people around you, you could overlook them."

## Talk About the Bible Story

In today's story, how did Jesus show the Samaritan woman that she mattered?

Can you give an example of someone who might get overlooked?

What are some ways you can show people that they matter to God?

Can you think of a time when you felt invisible or overlooked?

When is it easy to show compassion to someone in our neighborhood? When is it difficult?

*Parent: Share about a time when you were feeling invisible or left out, and someone showed compassion to you.*

## Prayer

**Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:**

"God, thank You for sending Jesus and showing us how much we matter to You! Thank You for this amazing conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman that reminds us how important it is to show compassion. Help us to pay attention to others this week and find opportunities to show people that they matter. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen!"