

# Homelink

January 28, 2018

# Series Memory Verse:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

- John 15:5 (NIV)

## **One Big Thing:**

God created us to care.

#### Review:

This week, we used the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 to talk about how God has created us to care about Him and others.

### **Challenge:**

This week's challenge is to do something to help others out of a genuine concern and care for them, and then spend time journaling about that act.

### **Parents' Tips & Tricks:**

**Time and Place:** Pick a time and place for your child to journal each day. Designate a special place where your child can be creative. Have supplies on hand like loose paper, crayons, markers, colored pencils, stickers and glue.

**Attitude:** Let your child see you get excited about journaling. Encourage focus and creativity but don't enforce too many rules concerning what your child journals. Celebrate the scribbles!

**Preschool-** Children in preschool need lots of space on their pages to draw, color, and write. The first week we will encourage kids to draw, color, and write whatever they would like in their journals. Should your child need some direction, we've included daily journaling prompts that are related to our Kidtown lesson.

Elementary- Elementary students need wide ruled paper and a section for drawing. Depending on your child's age and creativity, he or she may put more effort into drawing than writing. Older children may prefer simply writing about their day or how they are feeling instead of drawing. They have the freedom to journal what they would like but may benefit from the provided Kidtown prompts.

Below are some questions related to the Kidtown lesson that should help prompt more journal entries at home this week:

**Day 1:** Draw a picture of something you really care about. Why do you care about it so much?

**Day 2:** Draw a picture of you playing with your friends. What are some ways that your friends show you they care about you?

**Day 3:** What are some ways you could show your family you care about them? Draw a picture of you caring for someone in your family.

**Day 4:** Draw a picture of a cross and a heart. How do you know that God cares about you?

**Day 5:** Draw or write ways that you can show that you care about God

