

# HOME connection

NT Unit: Blessed!, Lesson 3

**D6 Family Theme:**  
UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

**Objectives:**

**Know:** We are to maintain unity in the body of Christ, using our gifts in ministry and living as followers of Christ should.

**Think:** My new life in Christ guides the way I think and behave.

**Do:** Pursue and practice unity and righteousness as a testimony of your new life in Christ.



## READ: LISTEN TO GOD

**Read Ephesians 4:1-32.** Evaluating the wrong measures leads to failing business. In ministry, we evaluate how well we prepare God's people for *their* ministry. That is God's expected outcome. Ministry belongs to *all* God's people. Building up, not tearing down, is how we do it. Otherwise, Satan gets a foot in the door.



## PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Live like a believer should, pursuing unity and using your gifts in ministry. Pray that you and your family will find ways to plug into your church and use the gifts that God has given you.



## DO: WALK WITH GOD

**OPTION 1:** As the body of Christ, all Christians have the same faith and the same purpose. To help us with our purpose God equips us with different spiritual gifts so that we can work together to glorify Him and bring others to Him. Have your child attempt to stand on a red plastic cup. To the side have 20 red plastic cups grouped together with a baking sheet on top of them. When the cup crumples, have him stand on top of the group of cups. Explain to him that even though the cups are the same, they are stronger when they are all working together. In the same way, Christians should be united in their pursuit of God.

**OPTION 2:** Ask your family to comment on the old phrase *getting a foot in the door*. What does it mean? What examples can they give? How does that relate to Ephesians 4:27?



PRE-SCHOOL

Today your child learned the breastplate of righteousness protects our hearts and helps us make good choices. He or she also learned about the shoes of the gospel of peace. They remind us to go where God wants us to go and always be ready to tell others about Him. **God Gives Me Protection** by giving me spiritual armor.



K & 1 GRADE



2 & 3 GRADE



4 & 5 GRADE

Today your student learned God's Word tells us the way to live a worthy life. He or she studied different actions Christians should either start or stop doing that are highlighted in Ephesians 4. He or she learned the Holy Spirit leads us in the right way, and we are to let Him be in control of our thoughts, words, and actions.



YOUNG TEEN



HIGH SCHOOL

Ephesians 4 deals with spiritual gifts and their purpose. Your teens studied today about the practical applications of God's wonderful gifts to His children, doctrine that changes what we do in our daily lives, the truth in tennis shoes. The Holy Spirit provided gifts so the church could grow and be strengthened. When we use our gifts, we get better at them—just like an athlete improves by exercising. Get out your bicycles to “exercise” your “gifts” together today, and talk about the way God has equipped you to share in the ministry of building His Church.



YOUNG ADULT

The group members examined the topic of unity in the Spirit and were encouraged to follow unity and righteousness. This is a testimony to others of our new life in Christ.



ADULT

Adults considered how we are to maintain unity in the body of Christ, using our gifts in ministry and living like followers of Christ should. They were encouraged to pursue and practice unity and righteousness as a testimony of new life in Christ.