devotions



Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12



Let's check in with each other! Spend a few minutes sharing about your last 24 hours - what sparked light (what was a highlight/favorite part), what caused darkness (what wasn't your favorite, what struggles did you face), and where did you see God's guiding light shining brightest (what was a God moment you experienced)? Let everyone share!



Guided by the Light, we are called to love one another, reflecting the love that God shows to us. What does love mean to you? Work together to write a definition of what love means in your lives.



Read together in the Bible the story of the Good Samaritan. If you have a regular Bible, turn to Luke 10: 15-37. If you are using a Spark Story Bible, turn to pg. 360. Read through the text once together, and then to really bring the story to life, read it again, having one person be the "narrator" while the other family members help act it out! After reading it twice through, can you retell the story in your own words?



Discuss together:

- Who showed love in this story? How did they show love?
- Is love always easy? Why or why not?
- What are 3 different ways that you can show God's love to others today? (Check out our Afternoon Activity for one way to spread love!) Go out and spread love!



Let's pray! Today, pray for those you love. Take a piece of paper and draw a large outline of a heart on it. Next, in the middle of the heart, write down the names of those you would like to pray for - you can put as many names as you would like! Take a few minutes praying for these people together, and then hang up this paper in a spot where you will see it throughout the day, reminding you to continue praying for them.