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Scripture Verse for the Week:

Jesus said to them: "A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in." - Luke 10:2 (CEV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, make me ready to serve as a worker in your fields. Use me to share your peace with others. Amen. (Luke 10:2,5)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord, keep me from becoming tired of helping others. Help me to do good to everyone. Amen. (Galatians 6:9-10)

A Blessing to Share:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, through and through. Amen. (Galatians 6:18)

Mealtime Refrain:

Everything on earth, shout with joy to God:
Say to God "Your works are amazing." (Psalm 66:1,3)

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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a special trip you remember taking.
- Imagine for a moment that Jesus sent you and a partner to another place to tell others about him. How would you do it? What would you do first? Who would you want as your partner?
- Do you find it hard to talk to others about God? Why or why not?

Devotional Practices:

Make up a poster with the heading "A Name Written in Heaven" (see Luke 10:20). Each time you gather for home devotions this week, have a time of prayer for a members of your church or for your Christian friends – thank God for them and pray for their individual needs. Then add their names to the poster.

Service:

St. Paul says "Let us not become weary in doing good ... As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." What opportunities do you have to do good this week – in your church, neighborhood, school or places of work? Plan one way that you can "do good" as a household this week.

Rituals and Traditions:

When Jesus sent out seventy-two of his followers ahead of him he said that upon entering a house they were to say "Peace to this house." Practice a homecoming greeting this week as a household. When a household member returns home from school or work, share this greeting with one another – "God's peace be with you: And with you too." You might want to add a touch of blessing, a hug or a kiss of greeting.

Parent Toolbox: Ideas for Growing Your Household in Mission

- When you gather, share any opportunities for witnessing to Christ you had during the day – at home, at work, at school, in the neighborhood.
- Discuss as a household the prospective spiritual interest of individuals in your work, neighborhood, school, or family circles.
- Start a prayer list with the names of three people you would like to see come to faith in Jesus.
- Invite your neighbors for a meal at your home. Get to know them and their needs.
- Make your home a welcoming place for your children's friends.
- Encourage your children to invite their friends to your congregation's children's or youth programs, or to come to Sunday worship with your household.

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