



# Trusting in the Promise of Jesus

## In-Home Discipleship Worksheets for Families

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### Faith in Real Life

It was a typical day at basketball practice. Coach Jones was running his players through some passing drills and then sent the boys out to the hallway to get a quick drink before starting the next set of drills. Bobby came up to Coach Jones and reminded him that he had to leave practice a half an hour early because he had a commitment at church that night.

“No problem, Bobby,” said Coach. “Have a good night, and we will see you at practice tomorrow.”

Later that night, Coach Jones got a call from the parents of another player named Steven who was very upset. They reported that earlier that day, while in the locker-room, Bobby had made fun of what a horrible basketball player he said Steven was. Bobby had even used some foul language to call Steven names.

Bobby’s parents were disappointed with their son’s behavior. Bobby had just written an essay at church where he talked about how important it is to care for other people. But apparently, Bobby’s actions did not match what he wrote.

The coach told Bobby’s parents that it was important for the boys to know they were all on the same team. They needed to support each other. If Bobby didn’t change his behavior, the coach said he would have to cut Bobby from the team.

## How We Should Treat Other People ...

Why do people think they need to put other people down? Is it because they want to look better than others, or are they afraid that people will cut them down? That only makes things worse for everyone. We should try to treat other people in the way we would want to be treated. As the Bible says:

*He who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.  
(Job 6:14)*

### Some things to talk about:

- ▶ Do you see a disconnect between the way that Bobby treated his teammate and what he knew he should do?
- ▶ How could Bobby change his behavior and actually sport his teammates? How could he encourage others.

*Holy God, your Son Jesus taught us to love one another as he first loved us. Help us to be kind to others, even when we are upset, hurt, or tired. When others are unkind to us, help us to be brave and to react in kindness and peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*



## Read in Your Bible: Luke 6:27-36

In these verses, Jesus taught people not only to love their neighbors, but even to love their enemies. In the story on the previous page, we heard how Bobby treated Steven, but we could also ask how Steven treated Bobby in return. Sometimes it is the hardest to be kind to those who are unkind to us. Jesus said:

“As \_\_\_\_\_ wish that \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
do so to them.” (v.31)