

# First Family Foundations

Building a foundation of Faith for Families.

## Unit 6 — Heaven Bound

### Lesson 4 — How we live as Christians should reflect God's love for everyone.

#### Introduction —

The life of a Christian who is walking with God will be marked by certain characteristics. These include regularly worshiping God with a group of other Christians and sharing the good news about Christ whenever appropriate.

The main thing, however, is letting God continually change us from the inside so that our thoughts and actions have the sort of pure and loving quality that reminds people of God himself. When we get to know God more and more, He transforms our hearts. And qualities like goodness, kindness and patience will cling to us like fruit on a tree. We will want to serve others rather than put ourselves first.

#### Here's the Activity:

##### Read the following story with your family.

Naomi and Mom were on their way to visit Great-Grandma. They stopped by the flower shop where Naomi picked out some beautiful flowers to brighten Great-Grandma's day. She lived in a care center with lots of other grandmas and grandpas. Great-Grandma always had a smile for Naomi. But Great-Grandma's friend, Mrs. Thomas, never smiled. She mostly just stared out the window. Naomi wished she could do something to help Mrs. Thomas.

*I have a great idea!* Naomi said to herself. Naomi told her mom, and she thought it was a good idea, too! Soon they were back in the car and headed for the care center. Naomi was so excited she couldn't stop grinning. She grinned all the way down the hall to Great-Grandma's room.

"Hi, Grandma," she said, putting some flowers in Great-Grandma's hand. Naomi walked to the other side of the room and gently touched Mrs. Thomas's hand. Mrs. Thomas turned her head. Naomi held out a second bunch of flowers.

"Excuse me," Naomi said. "I brought these for you."

Tears gathered in Mrs. Thomas' eyes.

"Thank you," Mrs. Thomas said. "But I can't get up to give them water. Maybe you should give them to your grandma instead."

"Don't worry. I'll put them in water. These are for you!" Naomi said excitedly. She hoped the flowers would make Mrs. Thomas happy.

"You are very kind. It was so nice of you to think of me," Mrs. Thomas answered, smiling.

#### Ask

In the Bible story about the Samaritan man, Jesus tells us, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27, NIV). What does Jesus mean?

Who can you show love to like Naomi did? What can you do to show love?

#### Share

Read the Bible story from Luke 10:25-37. Choose a family project that puts Jesus' teachings into practice. Have each family member gather some clothes or toys to give to a family in need.

Let your child help make a simple meal to share with someone you know who is sick. Think about Jesus' words as you deliver the dinner as a family.