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**Confirmation Parent Connect**

**November 9**

## PRACTICING FAITH RITUALS

Faith is best passed down in the everyday. It's the short prayer whispered in the car line, the bedtime blessing, or the "thank you, God" before a meal. Everyday rituals teach our children that God is near in the ordinary. You don't need special words or long prayers—just honest ones. Try asking your child each night, "Where did you see God today?" or "What's one thing we can thank God for right now?" These questions shape awareness of God's presence long before theology books ever do. When faith becomes part of your family's rhythm, kids start to see how prayer and gratitude fit into all of life. Even laughter and tears become holy moments when we invite God into them. Remember, these rituals don't have to be perfect—they just need to be practiced. What feels small today becomes sacred memory later. That's how everyday moments become the building blocks of lifelong faith.

## DISCIPLESHIP

This week, students explored what it means to follow the Way of Jesus—a path walked by disciples for generations. They learned that discipleship isn't just believing in Jesus, but living like Him through four key practices: Devotion, Worship, Compassion, and Justice. The first step is learning to spend personal time with God through prayer, Scripture, and reflection. Just as Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to pray, students practiced their own "time alone with God," learning that devotion helps us hear God's voice and trust His direction. Following Jesus begins by being with Him—because discipleship is more about relationship than rules.

## FAMILY DEVO

### Read Together:

"Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where He could be alone in prayer." —Mark 1:35

### Devotional Thought:

Even Jesus—the Son of God—took time away from the noise to be with His Father. He didn't rush or multitask; He paused. When we take time to pray, listen, and read God's Word, we grow closer to Him. That quiet time changes how we live the rest of our day.

### Talk About It:

- When do you feel closest to God?
- What's one way we can make space for Him as a family this week?

### Closing Prayer:

Dear God,  
Show us the way to follow You.  
Help us slow down and listen.  
Be near in our quiet moments.  
And guide our steps each day.  
Amen.

