



## Jesus Teaches How to Help Others

*This story is based on Matthew 20:20-28.*

One day Jesus and His helpers stopped at a quiet place to talk.

Two of Jesus' helpers, James and John, came over to Jesus with their mother. They wanted Jesus to do something special just for them, not for anyone else.

The mother said, "Can my sons be Your best helpers? They want to be more special than the other helpers."

Jesus said, "I can tell you how to be good helpers. But a good helper cannot be more

special than other people."

James and John said, "Tell us how to be good helpers."

Jesus said, "Good helpers must be kind and loving to others. My helpers should be like Me. I came to help everyone."

James and John listened to Jesus. They knew that good helpers had to work very hard. They decided to be good helpers and show love by helping others.

# Helping Others

Bible Truth: Jesus teaches us that helping others is important.

Everyone was having a great time at the church picnic. The food was finally ready. The families came together to eat.

Tiana and Anthony like to help their parents.

"Anthony and Tiana, you can help me and your father by putting some plates and napkins on the table," Mom said.

Anthony and Tiana did a great job helping their mother and father get everything ready.

"Thank you both for helping," Dad said.

## Bible Memory Verse

Always strive to do what is good for each other. 1 Thessalonians 5:15



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"You are welcome," the children said. "We like to help."

The family sat down to eat. Dad prayed a prayer. "Dear God, thank You for this delicious food we are about to eat. But mostly I thank You for my family and my two wonderful children, Anthony and Tiana, who love to help others. In Jesus' name. Amen."

"Mmmm. This food looks so good," said Anthony.

"Thank you, Mom and Dad, for cooking for us." Tiana said. "You are the best!"



**Family Time** "Me first!" Jesus taught that to be first you must be a servant of all. That concept is hard for children! It begins with recognizing the needs of others and trying to satisfy those needs. As you look at books with your child, play a "What does it need?" game. Point to various people and animals and ask your child what each needs. Perhaps he will think of food, a home, or a hug. Your child will be starting the lifelong task of putting others first. Practice the Bible memory verse.