



LESSON

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FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP TIME

Yearning Heart: Desiring to Know God and Be with Him

Objective: Students learned that desiring to know God and longing to be with Him makes us more like Jesus.

Bible Verse: Psalm 84:2 *"My soul yearns [and] even faints for the courts of the Lord."* (NIV)

Bible Story: Jesus Yearns for Heaven and Tells His Disciples (Mark 1:35, John 14:2-4)

Action Steps:

- 1. Bible Time:** As a family, read *Jesus Yearns for Heaven and Tells His Disciples*, and discuss how Jesus was longing for God. Discuss your longing to meet Jesus one day face-to-face and things you are looking forward to about Heaven.
- 2. Scripture Memory:** Practice singing or reciting the memory verse each day as a family.
- 3. Practice:** Discuss with your children one or more ways they can practice being yearning for Jesus and practice this week. These may include spending time with God (daily quiet time/devotion time, journaling, praying, worshiping, going to church, etc.) to grow in a relationship with Him. Consider starting a morning devotion time for your family if you do not already do so. Pray with your children and encourage them to tell Jesus how much they love Him and are excited to meet Him in Heaven one day! **Place stickers or checkmarks next to YEARNING on your Character Trait Sticker Chart every time you catch your children displaying a yearning heart for Jesus/God/Heaven.**
- 4. Model:** Show your kids how you spend time with God (have a personal devotion time) or start doing so if you haven't been consistent with this. Let your children know when you are longing to be filled with God's peace, love, patience, etc. Children will pick up character traits more easily when they see a good model from parents! 😊