



Parent Cue Card

WEEK 1

ACTS 2:42, 44-47

The early church begins as believers gather in homes and share everything they have together.

WEEK 2

ACTS 4:7-20

Despite persecution, believers refuse to stop sharing the good news of everything they've seen.

WEEK 3

ACTS 6:1-7

The influence and impact of the church spreads as leaders develop others to lead alongside of them.

TALK ABOUT THIS

WEEK 1: This week, we're talking about following Jesus together. Your teen is asking, "Where do I belong?" and trying to find their tribe. The adult mentors who show up weekly in your teen's life may influence their decisions and values. Ask your teen who they go to when they have questions about life or faith. Then share with them those who were in your life as a teen.

WEEK 2: The early church faced intense persecution and sometimes death for their faith in Jesus. Broaden their perspective by helping them learn someone else's story. Invite them to join you for a nonfiction movie or book about someone whose life was threatened for what they believe. Then talk about one thing you can learn and take away from the story.

WEEK 3: As the early church grew, there was a big need to find go-getters to hand ministry to. Your teenager has a more stable sense of who they are and how they can contribute in their church, school, and community. Have a conversation with your teen about serving opportunities in your church or community they might be interested in, and then encourage them to pick one to do.

REMEMBER THIS

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:35 NIV

DO THIS

MORNING TIME:

Brighten your teen's morning by texting them an encouraging passage of Scripture or something you appreciate about them.

MEAL TIME:

The next time you're meal prepping or menu planning (or ordering out—let's be real here) ask your teen what they would like to have for dinner this week. Make it a point to throw in a few of their suggestions. Do teens ever outgrow macaroni and cheese?

THEIR TIME:

Be intentional this week about looking up and smiling when your teen is home and walks into the room. Make eye contact. Practice being device and laptop free to completely engage your teen with your body language. You don't have to say a word. Just smile. They don't spend all their time texting. (Their phone has to charge at some point.) Eventually they'll notice you noticing them.

BED TIME:

One night this week, check in with your teen before bed. Ask how their day went and ask a few follow-up questions. Then say good night to your teen. No matter how old your kid gets, they always want to hear that you're interested in their world and that you love them. Even when they roll their eyes or don't say much back, your words matter.