

01.

LET'S DO FAMILY TIME

FAMILY
DEVOTIONAL





TODAY'S STEP:

Tom and Nancy's daughter, Malliam, shows us how her family spends quality time together.



TODAY'S BIG IDEA:

Living from enough begins by discovering that we belong to Jesus.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- This devotional takes around 10-15 minutes and is an optional way to go deeper into Jesus' story of caring for those in need.
- Get today's video and a way to play it: "Enough love" (See your DVD or stepintomyshoes.org/resources, Step 01).



TALK ABOUT IT

Ask: What does it mean to belong to something?

What are some things you and I belong to, or who are some people we belong with? Let's name as many as we can think of.



READ 1 JOHN 3:1, 16-18

Ask: How do we know we belong to God's family? When was a time that you felt grateful to be part of God's family?

In these verses, what is the reason that we show love to people who do not have enough?



WATCH VIDEO: "ENOUGH LOVE" [04:02]

Ask: What stood out to you in the video?

What was the same as or different from our family?

Say: There are people all over the world who love God and belong to His family. If we are children of God, and if everyone who loves Jesus is our brother or sister, like the verses in 1 John 3 say, then how are we connected to families like Pastor Tom's?

When Jesus came to earth, He helped people understand God's family. In the Old Testament, God chose a people—they are called the Hebrews, Israelites, or Jewish people—and He promised to use them to bless the whole world. God did that in Jesus. Jesus explained that He was the way for the whole world to be blessed. God's people—His family—were not just one group. Anyone could be part of God's family by trusting in Jesus. Ultimately, Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to create a way for us to join God's family. We didn't do anything to earn or deserve our spot in the family, but God's love brings us into His family.

See Ephesians 2:4-10 to understand more about God's work in our lives through Jesus. Go to www.stepintomyshoes.org/resources, Step 01 Devotional to find ideas for talking with your kids about becoming part of God's family.



PRAY

Say: Thank you, Jesus, for what You did to bring us into Your family. We are glad we belong to You. Help us to see ways we can care for others in Your family near and far. Amen.



BONUS FOR KIDS

For a recipe to roast corn, just like Malliam does, head to *Compassion Explorer Magazine*, page 9.

READ TOGETHER

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him...This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 John 3:1, 16-18 NIV

