

Instilling Compassion in Kids with Scripture



*“As we raise our children to have a heart **for** God,
let us also remember to cultivate a heart **like** God too.” Chris Carter*

Matthew 20:26-28 Lesson: Greatest among you is the servant

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 5:38-42 Lesson: Give without expectation of return

You have heard that it was said, “Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.” But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 5:43-45 Lesson: Love all

You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

John 15:12-13 Lesson: Sacrificial love

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

Luke 10:25-35 Lesson: The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 23:34 Lesson: Ultimate act of compassion

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Share shorter verses for teaching and memorization.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Matthew 7:12 So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Colossians 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.