

KNOW IT DO IT →

It's time to put God's Word into action! These suggestions are ways to do just that—but feel free to set them aside and do activities your family suggests. Your kids are creative, and they might be more excited about doing something they suggested than doing something you've found online.

- Cut apart the prompts provided and put them into a fun container. Then, each day, pull out a prompt and do it together as a family. Or ask family members to each do the prompt on their own and report back how it went.
- Use the questions as prompts for journaling during personal or family quiet time. How about taking a hike and letting everyone rest with pencil and paper?
- Have everyone pick one keyword action to do sometime during the week.

There's no pressure to do every prompt we and your family suggest. Choose however many work for your family and have fun!

DEAR CHILDREN, **KEEP** AWAY FROM
ANYTHING THAT MIGHT **TAKE** GOD'S
PLACE IN YOUR **HEARTS**.

EP 9

1 JOHN 5:21

KEEP
ANYTHING
TAKE
HEART

KEEP

- If **KEEP** means to stand strong and persist, where do you see that happening in your life? Where are you persistent? Who is persistent with you?
- What's something you do that you intend to **KEEP** doing—no matter what? What's something you want to **KEEP** from ever doing?
- God's love is persistent—God always **KEEPS** reaching out to us. Share about a time you felt God's love.
- It's karate time! Have a family member hold a sheet of paper tightly at both ends and then deliver a made-for-the-movies cool karate chop to break through the paper. **KEEP** at it until you succeed. Too easy? There's always cardboard ... boards ... bricks ... or pickup trucks. No, wait—stick with paper!

ANYTHING

- If you could ask God **ANYTHING** and be sure to get an answer, what would you ask?
- If you could do **ANYTHING** for 15 minutes, what would you choose—and why?
- If there's **ANYTHING** that's pushing God out of your **HEART**, what is it? Do you think you need to get rid of that **ANYTHING** completely, or is there a way to have it in your life without it pushing God aside?
- What easily grabs your attention? Do those **ANYTHINGS** draw your **HEART** closer to God? If so, in what ways?

TAKE

- Tell about a time you **TOOK** something that you shouldn't have **TAKEN**—even if you were just “borrowing it” for a few minutes. How did you feel afterwards?
- Ask the oldest person in your family to give some good advice. Will you **TAKE** it to **HEART**, or ignore it? Why?
- **TAKE** 2 minutes to write down **ANYTHING** that might be **TAKING** God's place in your **HEART**. Share your list with your family and pray about it!
- If Johnny is right and you have only so much space in your **HEART**, what's something you want to be sure **TAKES** a permanent place because it helps you love God?

HEART

- Why do you think God is so concerned about your **HEART**?
- If getting a **HEART** transplant included getting the donor's deepest feelings and beliefs, would you risk getting a new **HEART** if you needed one? Why or why not?
- God wants to come first in your **HEART**. What other people, projects, or activities (like being on a sports team or in a club) seem to want the same thing? What can you do to make sure God keeps the top spot?
- On a large sheet of paper, draw a **HEART**. Inside the **HEART**, print these words: “Jesus + [names of your family members]”. Jesus feels that kind of love for your family. Do you feel it for Him?