

FOR YOU: PARENTS

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This video is the author of our curriculum, Kara Powell, briefly discussing the importance of not only living out your faith as a parent but talking to your kids about their faith.

Take a few minutes as a family and discuss what it means to “Yield” to God and God’s purposes.

YIELD



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Notice the moment

Find a place where you can be free of distractions for a little while. This week we are engaging God through the idea of “yielding.” To yield something is to give it up for some other reason or purpose. You probably see yield signs on the road, where cars from one direction must yield—or give way—to the cars coming from a different direction. Among other things we may yield to God and God’s purposes, this week we want to think together about what it means to yield our relationships to God.

Notice God's Word

Read Colossians 3:1-14, and keep this "yield" idea in your mind as you do.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A1-14&version=NIV>

Notice God

- What do you read about in this passage that offers a new picture (or pictures) of what it means to yield to Christ?
- Much of Colossians 3:1-14 describes what our relationships with others look like as we yield our lives to Jesus. When it comes to your relationships with others, what do you gain when they are more like Colossians 3:12- 14 than Colossians 3:7-10?
- What steps might you take over the next week to try to have these relationships be more fully flavored with the attributes Paul describes in Colossians 3?

Notice Where God Is Working in You

When we yield ourselves, and everything that means, to God, we gain a huge opportunity to trust God. In other words, we have the chance to grow in our faith.

Yielding to God makes a statement: "God, part of me would rather do _____ with my relationships, but I'm grateful to you, and I want to honor you and learn to trust you. So, here I am offering my relationships to you." Maybe you'd even like to pray a prayer like that as you close this time.

Prayer

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*