



Unit 11, Lesson 42

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: CORINTH 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1—11:1

THE STORY HOME

Paul writes to the church at Corinth and tries to encourage the new believers there in Christian living. Some are confused about where their spiritual freedom ends and another's begins. Paul teaches them with examples, like eating food once sacrificed to their old idols. Eating food sacrificed to idols seems strange to us today but Paul is trying to help fellow Christians to live free of rules but not so free that they disappoint a weaker Christian. (1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1)

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Paul taught that the rule of love is to avoid things that might offend another Christian. I wonder how you live so you don't cause hurt or upset in others.
- If you know a Christian friend who doesn't do things your parents let you do, what can you say or do?
- If you felt God wanted you to do something but your best friend thought it was silly, do you ignore your feelings? Do you do it anyhow?
- Is it love to show a weak or new Christian how to live the Christian life?

TOGETHER HOME

Paul said that food does not bring us near to God—in the spiritual sense. But food does bring us closer to each other in fellowship. Each day this week, make it a goal to gather for a meal at your table. Talk, share jokes, and laugh together. Enjoy getting to know each other at this shared meal.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Recite together this month's memory verse, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord," (Romans 6:23). Each evening at bedtime, repeat this verse and give your children the "gift" of a hug.

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