



God's People Build Up and Encourage One Another

MAIN IDEAS

- The members of the church are to grow in maturity by becoming more like Christ.
- The members of the church are to encourage and build up one another toward maturity.

MEMORY WORK

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."—John 13:34

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,—1 Thessalonians 5:11a

SCRIPTURE FOR THE LESSON

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| 1) John 13:34 | 4) Ephesians 4:15 | 7) Colossians 1:9-10a |
| 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:11a | 5) 2 Timothy 3:14-15 | 8) 1 Timothy 4:12 |
| 3) Ephesians 4:11-13 | 6) Hebrews 10:24 | 9) Philippians 1:6 |

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Have your child think of an example of a team sport and ask questions such as: *Is the team more or less likely to do its best if the individual team members encourage one another and help one another train and practice well? What about the role of the coach? How can this example help us to understand the importance of members of Jesus' church encouraging and building up one another to grow and become more like Jesus? How is the church like a team? How are pastors and other leaders like coaches? Why is being encouraged and built up to become more and more like Jesus much, much more important than being encouraged to do well in school? Or more important than striving to build up and strengthen your body for your favorite sport? Etc.*

Share examples from your own life about specific ways in which you have been encouraged and built up in your faith by members of the church. Then point out ways you are seeking to encourage and build up others in faith—especially your child. Ask: *How have other Christians encouraged you? How do you respond to this kind of encouragement? Do you readily respond when another Christian tries to "build" you up—pointing you to trust in Jesus and grow in faith? Do you also seek to encourage and build up other people in their faith? Can you give an example? How could you encourage and build up someone this week?*

ACTIVITY

Using your best penmanship, write out 1 Thessalonians 5:11a on the lines provided. Next, read the verses and see if you can find the underlined words in the word search.



—1 Thessalonians 5:11a

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- ...speaking the _____ in love, we are to _____ up in every way into him who is the head, into _____,
—Ephesians 4:15
- And let us consider how to stir up one another to _____ and _____ works,—Hebrews 10:24
- ...we have not ceased to _____ for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to _____ in a manner _____ of the Lord, fully _____ to him...—Colossians 1:9-10a
- Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an _____ in _____, in _____, in love, in _____, in _____.—1 Timothy 4:12

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