

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is  
**James and John**

from Mark 10:35-45.



Pentecost 20

### Jesus is near us at all times.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- James
- John
- Jesus
- Right
- Left

When James and John ask for seats next to Jesus, they are asking for a place symbolizing special dignity. But Jesus loves everyone - he doesn't "reward" people with special honors.

### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 336-337

*Spark Bible* page 1114

### Family Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for always being near us and loving us no matter what. AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 How does your family show love?
- 2 How do you know Jesus is always with you?
- 3 If you were one of the disciples and you heard James and John ask for a special place in heaven, how would you feel? Why?
- 4 Talk about a time when you let someone go first. Was that easy or hard? Why? How did it make you feel?



### Eye Spark

When you see a letter "J" this week, think of this story with Jesus, James, and John and make the shape of a letter J with your hands.



### Ear Spark

Next time you hear the word "disciple," say the words, "Follow Jesus!" Disciples are people who follow Jesus.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Make a simple reminder - something that regularly reminds you Jesus is with you. What symbol(s) could you use? Where could you put it so that everyone might see it? Keep it simple: post a few sticky notes, use some colored stickers, or dig out an old bracelet. Have fun with it!

### For younger kids

Invite someone who may be feeling stressed or sad to dinner. In your grace, pray for them and end with the words, "help us to know you are always with us, Jesus."

### For older kids

Many people have a cross in their home to remind them of Jesus' presence. Look online for different images of crosses. What different shapes and styles are there? Show someone the simplest one and most elaborate one you discover.