



MORNING TIME
WHEN YOU GO INTO YOUR CHILD'S ROOM THIS MONTH,
SAY "GOOD MORNING! WHERE'S MY SWEET (CHILD'S NAME)? THERE YOU ARE!
MOMMY/DADDY IS HERE TO HELP YOU BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!"

STORY FOCUS:
GOD CAN HELP ME
ANYWHERE

WEEK ONE:
DAVID PROTECTS HIS
SHEEP FROM A LION.
1 SAMUEL 17:34-37

KEY QUESTION:
WHO CAN
HELP YOU?

BOTTOM LINE:
GOD CAN
HELP ME.

MEMORY VERSE:
"WE HAVE THE LORD OUR GOD TO HELP US."
2 CHRONICLES 32:8 NLT

BASIC TRUTH
GOD LOVES ME



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WIDENING THE CIRCLE... A "WE" APPROACH

EXCERPT FROM "PARENTING BEYOND YOUR CAPACITY" BY REGGIE JOINER AND CAREY NIEUWHOF

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SETH GODIN MAKES THIS OBSERVATION: "HUMAN BEINGS CAN'T HELP IT; WE NEED TO BELONG. ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL OF OUR SURVIVAL MECHANISMS IS TO BE PART OF A TRIBE, TO CONTRIBUTE TO (AND TAKE FROM) A GROUP OF LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE."

THE RIGHT COMMUNITY IS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF WHAT IT GIVES TO YOUR CHILDREN, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF WHAT IT REQUIRES FROM YOUR CHILDREN. CHILDREN NEED MORE THAN JUST A FAMILY THAT GIVES THEM UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND LOVE; THEY NEED A TRIBE THAT GIVES THEM A SENSE OF BELONGING AND SIGNIFICANCE.

SOMETHING POWERFUL HAPPENS WHEN YOU PARTNER WITH OTHER INFLUENCES WHO DESIRE TO INSTILL A SENSE OF MISSION INTO THE HEARTS OF YOUR CHILDREN. YOU GIVE THEM A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THEIR PLACE IN THE WORLD, AND YOU TRANSFER A DIFFERENT KIND OF PASSION TO THEM THAT YOUR FAMILY ALONE CANNOT GIVE THEM.

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