

# NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE & SPOTLIGHT

## 1 PETER 3:8-11 | SOCIAL AWARENESS & FRIENDSHIP

<sup>8</sup> Now, this is the goal: live in peace with one another. Try to understand each other. Love each other as you would your brother or sister. Be kind and humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions.

<sup>9</sup> Never retaliate when someone treats you wrongly, nor insult those who insult you. Instead, bless—that's your job, to bless. Respond in kindness. You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing, because a blessing is what God promised to give you.

<sup>10</sup> For the Scriptures tell us: "If you want to enjoy life and see the day fill up with good, you must stop speaking mean, hurtful words and never lie in what you say.

<sup>11</sup> Always turn from what is wrong and do your best to do what is good; eagerly choose peace in every relationship, making it your prize."

### **AFFIRMATION:**

**I am known. I am loved. I was born on purpose for a purpose. I matter. Today, I can do hard things! I can and will learn from my mistakes. I am growing through challenges. I am taking charge of my thoughts, feelings and actions. No matter what comes my way, God is with me. He is for me. I'm ready to conquer today!**

**DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

This book in the Bible was written by the Apostle Peter. Yes! This is one of Jesus' disciples. The one who denied him three times! The one that Jesus forgave and restored who became one of the Early Church's first leaders. The Apostle Peter learned a lot from his mistakes. Go back to the Gospels, read about Peter, then come back and read this. What are some things you think he learned? What are some life lessons you've learned from your mistakes?

What is a goal? Do you have any? What are steps that you take to reach this goal?

To live in peace with one another doesn't mean everyone is exactly the same. It means cooperating in the midst of differences. We won't always agree on how things should be done, but we should agree on what needs to be done and why. Why is this difficult? How can we be a better classroom community? A better friend?

We talked about kindness and forgiveness, last month. Let's look at this big word, boundaries. Boundaries are the lines that determine where I am responsible and where you are responsible. Boundaries are like a fence defining someone's yard, letting us know where one's lawn starts and stops.

Consider the idea that you might think it is loving to go into someone else's yard and mow their lawn without permission. You were trying to be loving. However, for them, it felt invading and unkind. You never asked and they never had a chance to respond. How does having and communicating/sharing our boundaries help us live in peace? What do you think it means to make peace your prize?

Boundaries are not about what is right or wrong—it's about honoring/respecting the mind, heart, body, and soul of a person. Why are boundaries important in trying to understand and love one another?

People are going to cross your boundaries. That's life. You cannot stop people from pushing your buttons or from doing things you don't want them to do. They don't have to respect your boundaries. You have to respect your boundaries. How can we show forgiveness and kindness, but still hold our boundaries?

This month we will celebrate World Kindness Day. How can you fill someone's day up with good? Are you a bucket filler or dipper? What does this look/sound like? How does filling someone's bucket help you "enjoy your life?" What do you think "You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing..." means? Why is it hard to respond in kindness? Has anyone ever shown you kindness you didn't deserve? How did it make you feel?