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PRAY: Dear God, thank You that with Jesus we are never without hope. Like David, may I show compassion to someone who may feel hopeless and needs help. Amen.

DAY 3 READ: Luke 10:30-37 (KBC Study Bible, pages 1122-1123)

THINK: Jesus told this story to teach people about true love and compassion. Think of a neighbor who may need God's love and compassion and see how you can follow the Samaritan's example.

PRAY: Dear God, thank You for loving us – all of us. Help me to see those around me through Your eyes and with Your compassion. Amen.

DAY 4 READ: Matthew 18:21-27 (KBC Study Bible, page 1051)

THINK: Forgiveness is a funny thing. If we stay mad at someone it hurts us – often times more than it hurts the one we are choosing to not forgive. God showed forgiveness to us and we need to show forgiveness to others.

PRAY: Dear God, thank You for the way that You so quickly forgive me when I sin. Help me forgive others just that easily. Amen.

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