



## ☀️ **Family Devotional Reading:** **A Community That Feels Like Home**

### **Scripture: Psalm 133**

Psalm 133 shows us that unity among God's people is more than just getting along—it's a gift that brings life, joy, and blessing. When the Israelites sang this psalm on their way to Jerusalem, the city was crowded, noisy, and full of potential conflict. Yet the psalm reminded them that when God's people live together in harmony, it creates something special—something that feels like a little piece of heaven.

Unity comes from building real relationships, not just attending the same church. God describes unity with two pictures:

- Oil poured generously—a sign of welcome, honor, and belonging.
- Dew bringing life—refreshing, nourishing, and helping things grow.

Jesus prayed that His followers would be one, because unity helps the world see what God is like. But unity isn't always easy. It requires time, honesty, forgiveness, and choosing connection over comfort. True community grows through character, shared joy, using our gifts for each other, and being real—not just polite.

### **Key Thought:**

Unity grows when we intentionally build real relationships and choose to love each other, even when it's inconvenient.

## 💬 **FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS**

### **YOUNG KIDS (AGES 4–7):**

- What makes being friends with someone “good and pleasant”?
- Who is one friend you could show extra kindness to this week?

### **OLDER KIDS/PRETEENS (AGES 8–12):**

- What helps people get along? What sometimes makes it hard?
- Why do you think God wants His people to live in unity?

### **TEENS & ADULTS:**

- What relationships in your life feel life-giving? Which ones need more intentional effort?
- What's one barrier that makes unity difficult—in church, family, or friendships?

## 🎨 **SHORT FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

### **“GROW LIKE AN OLIVE TREE”**

**Supplies: Supplies:** *Paper strips or index cards, pens, tape or a stapler.*

1. Have each person write one way they can help build unity (examples: listen better, invite someone over, forgive quickly, encourage someone, serve together).
2. Connect the strips to form a unity paper chain.
3. Hang the chain somewhere visible this week as a reminder that unity grows when everyone contributes.
4. End by praying for God to help your family—and your church—grow in love, connection, and unity.