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What is fellowship? What are some ways to fellowship? See 1 Peter 3:8, How should we treat others in fellowship? See Hebrews 10:24-25, What is one purpose of fellowship? How can you fulfill this purpose when interacting with others?

See 1 John 1:3, How can we fellowship with God?

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Preschool: This week, bake cookies or a special treat with your agent. Use this time intentionally by talking about how to "treat" others by being "sweet". Once finished, share some treats and a kind note with a neighbor or friend to show them love. Make sure not to just deliver the treats, spend time talking and loving on your friend. Talk to your agent about what he/she did and why it was kind. Relate this act to 1 Peter 3:8.

Elementary: This week, invite another family to a picnic at the park, the community pool, dinner, or a game night. Before the event, talk to your agent about fellowship using the questions in the mission objective to stir discussion. During the event, have your agent focus on encouraging and learning from the other family. Afterwards, talk about how everything went and how things would be different if your agent treated people like 1 Peter 3:8 says everyday.

Youth: This week, ask your students some tough questions about fellowship. Search the scriptures to find truth that answers these questions.

Is unity necessary for true fellowship? (Philippians 2:1-2) How can you improve unity in the youth group/your grade/your friend group? (Philippians 2:1-2, 1 Peter 3:8) How does the life of Jesus exemplify fellowship? Give specific examples.

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