



# FAITH & FAMILY CONNECTION



April 17th, 2023

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

## DOCILITY

According to the Disciples of Christ Virtue Curriculum, docility is defined as a willingness to be taught. What does that look like? We not only have to open our ears to hear what is being taught, but we also have a posture of respectful listening. We humble ourselves to be molded and refined by the teaching. The verse on the right from Psalm 86:10, is a prayer of David. In the beginning of Psalm 86, David humbles himself and praises God for all his unceasing love and forgiveness. The last part of verse 10, David asks God to give him an undivided heart that he may fear the name of the Lord. David's son Solomon later wrote in Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge", just like we learned about last week with the virtue of circumspection. Taking the posture of docility will often set our hearts and minds on the path to Godly circumspection (or wisdom and discernment). Knowing and understanding the love of Christ Jesus is a life-long journey. We will never outgrow the virtue of docility. The more you learn, the more you realize how much you don't know! May we always be thirsty for knowledge and understanding from Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Ideas for Families:

- **Read & Discuss together:**  
Psalm 86:1-13
- **Pray:** Jesus, give us an undivided heart that we may seek Your Word and be humble in our listening and learning.

**"TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD, AND I WILL  
WALK IN YOUR TRUTH; GIVE ME AN UNDIVIDED  
HEART, THAT I MAY FEAR YOUR NAME."**

**PSALM 86:10**