



FAITH & FAMILY CONNECTION



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SINCERITY

To have sincerity means to have trustfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm towards others, according to the Education in Virtue Curriculum. When we think of the virtue of sincerity, there are many ways to demonstrate this in our daily lives. In the New Testament, in the book of 1 Peter, Peter talks of having sincere love for your brother (1:22), a love that comes from the heart. In order for our hearts to be filled with sincerity, we first have to acknowledge Jesus' unconditional love for us. "...do this so your faith, which is of greater worth than silver and gold, refined by fire, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." (1 Peter 1:7) True sincerity in our words and actions is fueled by our genuine faith in Christ Jesus. And how do we accomplish this in a practical way? The passage below (1 Peter 2:1-12) gives us a starting point on how to fuel our faith throughout our days. May God give us all the desire to strengthen our faith so that we may be vessels of true, genuine sincerity.

Ideas for Families:

- **Read & Discuss together:**
1 Peter 2:1-12
- **Pray:** Lord Jesus, forgive us when we do not speak and act with true sincerity in our hearts. Help us cultivate true sincerity towards others so we can be your hands and feet to those around us.

"The goal of (God's work) is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

1 Timothy 1:5