



## BUILDING FAITH IN THE FAMILY



### Role Models • 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (taken from *The Message*)

*Today we look at part of this week's Epistle reading—a letter Paul wrote to Christians in the city of Thessalonica. They've been so faithful even though they had to suffer because of their faith. They are **role models** for Christians everywhere!*

I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica... God's amazing grace be with you! (verse 1)...It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions. (verses 4-5a)

Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—you're the message! (verses 7-8)

#### So What's a Role Model?

*Talk about the following questions together with your family, then write your answers.*

What is a role model? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the top 4 Qualities of a Christian Role Model?

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Name *your* role models (each of you name two). Talk about why. What do you learn from them?

Then send them a thank-you card. Tell them why you're thanking them and how much they mean to you. If you want to, send them flowers or cookies. Or both.

