



## #homedevos 14.2

### WHAT IS A COMMUNITY

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#### Introduction:

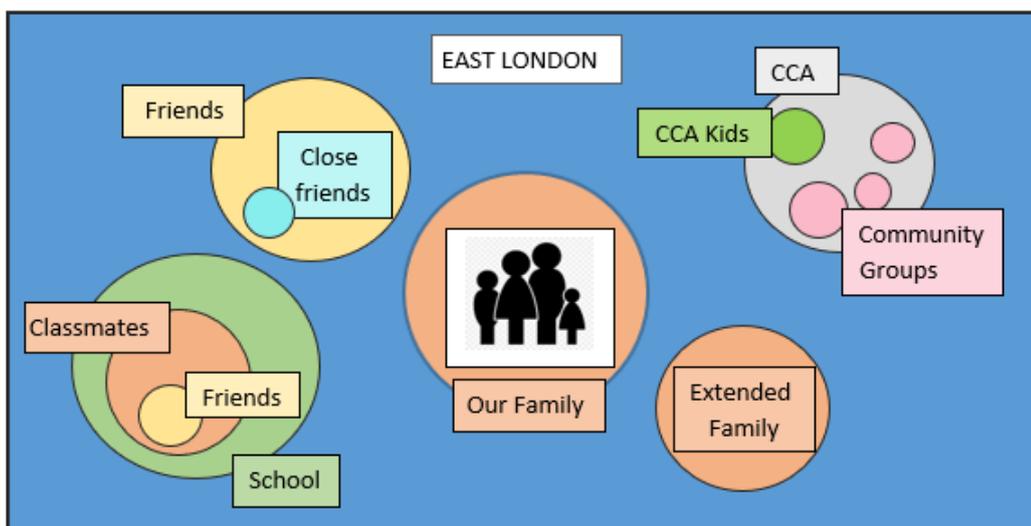
We are talking this week about a community after God's heart and have seen that children were part of the communities in Jesus' time and that they are important to Him. It is still the same: children, you, are important to Jesus, you are important to us too.

Let us learn more about community.

God created us not to live alone on our own planets or islands. He created us with a desire to belong and to have good, meaningful relationships – with Him and with the people around us.

Look at the people around us. Can you identify specific groups of people around us here in East London? Yes, there is our family, extended family, friends and close friends, church – CCA & CCA Kids, school, school friends and classmates.

*(Parents: draw as your children are talking, something like this example. Pictures help our children to understand and remember better.)*



Each group consists of individuals and what changes a group into a community is that they have the same values and believes. They feel they belong together; they matter to one another, are committed to one another, and carry one another's interests on their hearts – helping where there is a need. God made each one unique and gave all different gifts and talents, which we use to the benefit of others. This is how a healthy community looks like.

This is how a community that is after God's heart, a community as He desires it to be and pleases Him, looks like, a community where each one believes in Jesus and loves Him passionately, follows Him and loves others as themselves. (You will find it in 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 2:4-5, Colossians 3:14-17, Philippians 2:1-4.)

A community like this is life-giving ... where we learn together from the Word, worship God, pray together, help and encourage one another, reach out to those in need.

Not all communities are good and life-giving, that is why it is so important to make wise choices when you choose friends and those with who you want to be associated and hang out with. This is important why we should be part of a community group in the church, as the writer urges us in Hebrews 10:25 "not neglecting to meet together ... but encouraging one another."

A family is the first community within greater communities.



**Question:**

What changes do you think do we need to make in becoming more a community after God's heart in our home?



**Prayer:**

Pray as Holy Spirit leads you in your family.



**Activity:**

This is in preparation for our Family Night.

Write down the names of your family and next to it a gift/talent they have with which they bless you.

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meaning of #devoicons



watch video



do an activity



pray together



memory verse



ask a question



family talk



listen to audio