

WEEK TWO FAMILY DEVOTION: INVESTED PEOPLE INVEST IN PEOPLE

DAY ONE

READ: LUKE 10:25-37 (you can use the Adventure Bible, or look up NIV online)

RECAP

Who is your neighbor? To answer this question, Jesus told a story about a man who was beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. Two men passed by without stopping. But one man, a Samaritan, stopped and helped. He wrapped the man's wounds, took him to a safe place, and paid for his care. So of the three men who passed by, who most acted like a good neighbor? Yes, the man who stopped to help!

QUESTIONS

Did you know that God made you to help others and be a good neighbor too?

What are some ways you could be a good neighbor? (Maybe you could help a neighbor clean up her yard when she's sick. Maybe you could entertain your little brother while your mom cooks dinner. Maybe your friend is having a bad day, what could you do to cheer them up.)

PRAYER

Ask God to help you see people the way that God sees people.



DAY TWO

READ: John 13:12-17 (you can use the Adventure Bible, or look up NIV online)

RECAP

Jesus chose to serve His disciples by washing their feet. Can you imagine how stinky the disciples' feet were in our story? Jesus didn't care how dirty they were or how bad they smelled. He just wanted to serve them. We don't need to be going around washing everyone's feet, but let's remember the example Jesus set for us and serve others because of what Jesus did for us.

QUESTIONS

Has anyone gone out of their way to help you? Why do you think they noticed what you needed?

How does it show that you trust God when you're on the lookout for people who need your help?

CHALLENGE

In the space below, write down someone's name in your world that doesn't know God. Don't worry; you're the only one who will see this. Write down one good thing you could do for this person to serve like Jesus.

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DAY THREE

READ: Mark 10:43-45 (you can use the Adventure Bible, or look up NIV online)

RECAP

Jesus is talking to His friends, the disciples about how important it is to serve others. Jesus teaches us that we don't have to try to be the best, most important people, instead we should serve others. Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world didn't try to be better than everyone, instead he served people. Jesus loved people. Jesus gave His life so that we could be free. Jesus is asking you to go and "do likewise."

CHALLENGE

God made you to help others. Grab a piece of paper and draw five lines on the page. Your challenge is to help out in at least five different ways today. After you help each person, write it down on the page.

PRAYER

Ask God for help as you help others today!

DAY FOUR

READ: 1 Peter 4:10-11 (you can use the Adventure Bible, or look up NIV online)

RECAP

God gives each of us gifts. Whatever gift you've been given, God gave it to you so that you could use it to serve others. He made you with the ability to serve in your own unique way.

QUESTIONS

How do you think God made you unlike anyone else? Can you think of a way that people have described you that makes you unique?

Why do you think God made you that way?

When life gets hard, why do you think it's so easy to forget that the God who made you is still in control?

PRAYER

Thank God for giving you the gifts you have. Ask God to help you use those gifts to serve others.

