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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  I serve others.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 6:33 (NLT)  “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”  **Question of the Day: Why should I show my faith with my actions?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** James 2:14–18

How would it make you feel if someone told you over and over again that you were their best friend, and yet, they never wanted to spend any time with you? What if you told your brother or sister every day how much you love them, but you also yelled and said mean things to them every day? Do you think they would have a hard time believing that you really love them?

The Bible asks the question, “What good is it, … if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions?” God doesn’t want us just to say we love Him or say we love others; He wants us to do something about it. If we aren’t willing to serve others and treat them the way God wants us to treat them, how is anyone going to know that we are really followers of Jesus? God doesn’t want other people to know we’re Christians only because we tell them; He wants us to show them.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Is faith by itself enough?  **Answer 1.** No; unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. (James 2:17) |
| **Question 2.** How can we show our faith?  **Answer 2.** We can show our faith by our good deeds. (James 2:18) |
| **Question 3.** When has someone said they were going to do something and followed through?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** How did knowing that you could trust their word because they proved it by their actions make you feel?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5**. How can we tell others about God with more than just our words?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary |

**Pray about It**

God, help me to tell others about You with my words and with my actions. Help me to share my faith by how I live for You. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  I serve others.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 6:33 (NLT)  “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”  **Question of the Day: How can serving others show them God’s love?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 1 John 3:16–18

A lifeguard’s job is to stand or sit by a body of water and carefully watch for people who are having trouble swimming. Once the lifeguard spots someone struggling, they immediately dive in to rescue the person. What good would lifeguards be if they just looked like lifeguards but did nothing to help those in danger of drowning?

Jesus is kind of like our lifeguard. He left heaven and gave His life for us. This shows us what real love is. There’s no doubt that He loves us, because He showed us by His actions. He wants us to show others the kind of love that He showed us. Jesus said that people would recognize His disciples by the love they show each other (John 13:35). When we show others we care by serving them, we are showing them an example of the kind of love that God has for us.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How do we know what real love is?  **Answer 1.** Jesus gave His life for us. (1 John 3:16) |
| **Question 2.** How does God’s compassion for us help us show compassion to others?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** How can we let others know we love them without just saying it?  **Answer 3.** We can show love through our actions. |
| **Question 4.** How can we make sure we are always watching for people we can serve?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** How do you think showing love by your actions helps people understand the kind of love God has for them?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Jesus, thank You for showing me what real love is by giving Your life for me. Help me to always be ready and willing to show Your love to those around me by how I live. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  I serve others.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 6:33 (NLT)  “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”  **Question of the Day: What kind of attitude should I have when serving others?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Matthew 20:26–28

Even though Jesus is God, He was willing to leave heaven to come to earth and to be born. He could have demanded the best room in town and the most beautiful clothing money could buy. He could have lived His life on earth as a king, with money and riches and people waiting on Him hand and foot. But, He chose to hang out with all kinds of people. Some of those were outcasts, and He humbly lived His life here serving others and showing them God’s love.

Serving isn’t always fun. Sometimes it means doing things that we don’t really want to do, like scrubbing the toilets or letting someone else get the first pick. Serving requires putting others before ourself and having the kind of heart that wants others to have the best, even if it costs us. When we choose to put others first, we are showing them who Jesus is and our actions are showing them an example of Jesus’ love.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What does the Bible say a leader must do?  **Answer 1.** A leader must be a servant. (Matthew 20:26) |
| **Question 2.** How did Jesus show us the ultimate example of serving?  **Answer 2.** “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28) |
| **Question 3.** Why is it sometimes difficult to serve others by putting them first?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** When has someone put your needs ahead of their own?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** How do you think people feel when a leader takes on the role of a servant?  **Answer 5.** Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

God, help me to have the kind of attitude that puts others first. Give me opportunities to serve others and show them who You are. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  I serve others.  **Faith Verse**  Matthew 6:33 (NLT)  “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”  **Question of the Day: Why should I serve people who are difficult to love?** |

**Read about It**

**Read**: Luke 6:27–36

Loving your enemies and praying for people who hurt you seems like a crazy thing to do, right? Sometimes, people are just plain mean, and they do things that are wrong and hurtful. When you think about it, who really wants to be kind to someone who is mean? And yet, in the Bible verses today, Jesus said to do exactly that.

The Bible says that when we do good to others, without expecting anything in return, our reward in heaven will be great. The way Jesus wants us to treat people is very different from how others react to being wronged and hurt. It can be shocking to our enemies. And it can make them wonder what is different about us. That may give us an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How does the Bible say we should treat those who treat us poorly?  **Answer 1.** “Love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.” (Luke 6:27–28) |
| **Question 2.** Why should we be compassionate to others?  **Answer 2.** Because God the Father is compassionate (Luke 6:36) |
| **Question 3.** Why is it difficult to serve those who treat us poorly?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** How do you think serving others, even our enemies, can help them see and understand who Jesus is?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you show God’s love to someone who treats you poorly?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

God, thank You for loving me even when I don’t treat You the way You should be treated. Give me a heart to serve those around me who are difficult to love. Help me to be an example of the love You have shown to me. Amen.

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