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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus rewards His people.  **Faith Verse**  1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)  “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”  **Question of the Day: What does it mean to judge someone?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Matthew 7:1–5

Have you ever judged anyone before? That means that you think they are wrong or have done something bad. Maybe you judged someone who hurt you or is different from you in the way they look or the way they do things. The Bible tells us that if we judge others, we’ll receive that same kind of judgment back on us. Would we like that? Only if we made a good judgment about that person!

The Bible teaches us that we should treat others the same way that we want to be treated. Even if someone does something wrong, we can respond with love and compassion, just like Jesus looks at our actions. Jesus is patient with you when you sin and teaches you about turning away from sin. And that’s the way you should treat other people. The more we listen to this Bible passage, the more we can show His love to others.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What happens when you judge others?  **Answer 1.** You will be judged the same way. (Matthew 7:1–2) |
| **Question 2.** How should you treat others?  **Answer 2.** The same way you want to be treated (Matthew 7:2) |
| **Question 3.** When was a time you have judged someone?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** Tell about a time when someone judged you.  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you choose to love others?  **Answer 5.** Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, I pray that You help me see people the way that You see them and to love them as they are. I ask for forgiveness of my own sins so that I have understanding and patience when other people sin. Help my life reflect Your love to everyone I meet. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus rewards His people.  **Faith Verse**  1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)  “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”  **Question of the Day: Do you ever get tired of doing good?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Galatians 6:7–10

Have you ever planted seeds for fruit or vegetables? If you have, you know that the seed you plant is the type of food that will grow. You won’t plant apple seeds and get carrots!

These Bible verses tell us the same thing: If you have asked Jesus to forgive your sins and your everyday actions please God, at the end of your life you will receive eternal life with Him and His people. If you haven’t asked Jesus to forgive your sins and your everyday actions are selfish and don’t show love for God and others, you won’t live with God in eternity. It’s impossible.

So, if you ever get tired of doing good, of living for God, remember that you are still planting seeds of good things that will one day grow into eternal life. So don’t give up! Your good choices are never wasted.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What do you think “you will always harvest what you plant” means in Galatians 6:7?  **Answer 1.** It means doing good things leads to receiving good things, doing bad things leads to receiving bad things. |
| **Question 2.** In what ways do you see people living only for themselves?  **Answer 2.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 3.** What will you reap if you don’t give up on doing good?  **Answer 3.** “A harvest of blessing” (Galatians 6:9) |
| **Question 4.** How can you “do good to everyone” today?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you encourage people who are tired of doing good?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for giving us these verses for when we are tired of doing good. Thank You for promising that what we plant, we will harvest—much good and eternal life! Please help me see others the way You see them so that I can share Your love with everyone I meet. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus rewards His people.  **Faith Verse**  1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)  “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”  **Question of the Day: Do Christians ever make mistakes and sin?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Romans 14:7–13

God tells us through these verses that what we do matters to Him—and to other people. Have you ever fought with another Christian? God tells us not to do that because it shows that we’ve forgotten that we’re on the same team: we are both following God. If you’re on a sports team, you shouldn’t fight with your teammates, right? It doesn’t help your team if you do that.

Romans 14:10 asks, “Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.” Christians are all teammates with God as our Coach. We can’t be the coach in someone else’s life. We must all listen to and obey God. When we don’t, we’ve made a mistake.

Christians can make mistakes. They’re human! Instead of making the mistake of fighting with another Christian, we can ask God to help us both. Romans 14:13 says: “So let’s stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.”

We have choices on how we should live our life. We can live our life bringing pain and hurt to others, or we can live our life so that others can experience God’s love and grow in their walk with Him. How we treat others is important. God rewards our good choices with more peace in our relationships and with eternal life with Him.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Christians don’t live or die for themselves. For whom do they live or die?  **Answer 1.** The Lord (Romans 14:8) |
| **Question 2.** Why did Christ die and rise again?  **Answer 2.** “Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.” (Romans 14:9). |
| **Question 3.** Instead of condemning and looking down on other believers, how should we live instead?  **Answer 3.** “Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.” (Romans 14:13) |
| **Question 4.** How can we trip another Christian and make them stumble and fall?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary, including with hurtful words. |
| **Question 5.** If there’s a Christian you’re fighting with right now, how can you change your behavior?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for reminding me that other believers and I are on the same team—Your team. Please help me not to trip others with my words and actions. Help me instead to encourage them to be more like You! We will all give account of our life to You, and I’m so thankful that Jesus died in my place. Help me to be more like You in the way I treat other people. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus rewards His people.  **Faith Verse**  1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)  “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”  **Question of the Day: What does mercy mean and when was the last time you showed mercy to someone?** |

**Read about It**

**Read**: James 2:8–13

The word *mercy* shows up many times in the Bible, so we need to know what it means. Mercy is the kindness we show to others when they do something wrong to us. Mercy means not getting back at people. If someone pushes us down and we don’t push back, we are showing mercy. If someone steals our school supplies and we don’t steal their things, that’s mercy.

Do you know why the Bible talks about mercy so often? It’s because God showed mercy to us—and to everyone on earth! Our Scripture today starts out by telling us one of God’s oldest laws: “Love your neighbor as yourself” (James 2:8; Leviticus 19:18). That means to treat other people as we wanted to be treated. When someone hurts us and we hurt them back, we’re actually breaking God’s law!

Everybody has broken God’s law. But God showed mercy by offering us another chance at life. He knew that our wrongs deserve punishment, but instead of punishing us right then, Jesus came to our world and died for us! That is the most mercy anyone can ever give. When we show mercy, God rewards us by showing us more mercy. So, let’s show mercy today.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** When has someone shown you mercy (not punished you for something wrong you did)? How did that make you feel?  **Answer 1.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 2.** Is it hard for you to show mercy to others?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** How have we already received mercy from God?  **Answer 3.** Jesus died for our sins. |
| **Question 4.** What does James 2:13 say God will do if we have been merciful to someone else?  **Answer 4.** “But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.” |
| **Question 5.** Who can you show mercy to today?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for showing me and the whole world so much mercy. Please help me to show mercy to others. I could never show anyone as much mercy as You have shown me! I pray that more people will accept Your mercy and will love their neighbors as themselves—just like You have told us to do in the Bible. I love You. Amen.