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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  I will put others first.  **Faith Verse**  Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.  **Question of the Day: Why should we put others first?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Luke 14:7–11

Have you ever fought with your brother or sister about who would sit in the front seat? There is so much more room in the front compared to the back seats. But when you’re one of the youngest ones in the car, you usually don’t get your own way.

Jesus was speaking to people who were fighting over the best seats at the dinner table. He was helping them understand that by putting themselves first, they were just setting themselves up for disappointment. He knew that it was far better to put others first because God blesses those who are humble. When we have choices to make, we should set aside what is best for ourself. Instead, put others first like Jesus did.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What were the guests competing for?  **Answer 1.** To sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table (Luke 14:7) |
| **Question 2.** Why do you think the guests wanted to sit in the seats of honor?  **Answer 2.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 3.** How did Jesus say the guests would feel if the host asked them to move to a less important seat?  **Answer 3.** They would be embarrassed. (Luke 14:9) |
| **Question 4.** Why should we put others first?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** What are some ways that we could put others first?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear Jesus, help me to remember to put others first. Thank You that I can trust You to take care of me. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  I will put others first.  **Faith Verse**  Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.  **Question of the Day: To whom should we show kindness?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Luke 14:12–15

What’s the best party you have ever been to? Were you surrounded by your family and friends at that party? Then it might seem strange what Jesus said about inviting friends or family to a dinner or party.

Jesus wasn’t telling the host that’s its bad to invite his family to dinner. He was just telling the host that there would be no reward from God for this. Jesus’ words remind us that it’s easy to do good things for those who can return the favor. But as Christians, we are also supposed to do good things for those who can’t help us in return. When we treat others with kindness, especially those we know will never repay us, we can trust God will reward us in heaven when Jesus’ followers go to be with Him.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What kinds of people did Jesus tell the host to invite?  **Answer 1.** People who were poor, blind, or couldn’t walk (Luke 14:13) |
| **Question 2.** When did Jesus say the host would be rewarded by God?  **Answer 2.** In heaven (Luke 14:14) |
| **Question 3.** Why do you think Jesus told the host to invite those specific people?  **Answer 3.** So he would receive a heavenly reward instead of something here on earth. God will reward those who do good to people who can’t repay them. (Luke 14:14) |
| **Question 4.** Who are some people you can show kindness to?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can we follow what Jesus said in our life?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear Jesus, help me to see the people You want me to show kindness to. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  I will put others first.  **Faith Verse**  Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.  **Question of the Day: How do we work together as a team?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Philippians 2:1–4

Have you ever seen really little kids play with their toys? Sometimes they don’t share very well or get along. Sometimes grownups have the same problem. Paul wrote a letter to the church in Philippi to encourage them to get along with each other and love one another. He knew that this was something people could agree to do together. It starts with each person having the right attitude.

Paul’s message is like what Jesus told the guests at the party. We should choose to put others first, rather than just think about ourself. Doing this will help us work together as a team with one mind and purpose. We should choose to correct our attitude and put others first because of all that God has done for us.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What are some things that Paul tells us not to do in these verses?  **Answer 1.** Don’t be selfish, don’t try to impress others. Don’t look out only for your own interests. (Philippians 2:3–4) |
| **Question 2.** What things did Paul say would make him happy?  **Answer 2.** For the people to agree, love, and work with others with one mind and purpose (Philippians 2:2) |
| **Question 3.** How should Philippians 2:4 affect how we treat others?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** What do you think working as a team with one mind and purpose looks like?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can selfishness destroy a team?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear Jesus, thank You for everything You have done for us. Help us to make Your Church stronger by having the right attitude. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  I will put others first.  **Faith Verse**  Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.  **Question of the Day: What does love mean?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Have you ever tried to describe something to someone who has never seen it? It’s pretty hard and means you have to explain what it is like and what it is not like. That’s what Paul is doing in these verses. The church in Corinth seemed to need some teaching about showing love to others. So Paul reminded them what God’s love is and what it’s not. It’s a little like how Jesus reminded the host at the banquet to show kindness to others.

It can be easy to think that we are good at loving others. But sometimes we lose our way, and we end up just loving ourself. It’s important that we know what God says love is and what it isn’t. Then we can stay on track and reflect God’s perfect love to others.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How would you describe love?  **Answer 1.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 2.** How do these verses describe love?  **Answer 2.** Love is patient and kind. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and lasts in every situation. (1 Corinthians 13:4, 7) |
| **Question 3.** Why do you think Paul needed to tell people what love is and isn’t?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** Can you remember a time when you were unloving to someone else? What could you have done differently?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** What are some ways we can show God’s kind of love to others?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us what love should look like. Help us to show God’s love to everyone. Amen.