

JANUARY 10 - 20, 2024

THEME: FAITH IN EVERY FOOTSTEP

10 DAYS OF PRAYER



DAY 7 - KINDNESS RIPPLES!

All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other. (John 13:35, ICB)

Sammy held his lunch bag tightly. He was so hungry! He couldn't wait to eat mom's delicious bread and the little fish that he caught with dad yesterday. But he was listening to Jesus, and he was learning about God's love, and about being kind to each other...Sammy looked around. Nobody else had a lunch bag. Everyone must be hungry.

He looked at Jesus. He didn't have any food either. One of Jesus' friends asked Sammy if he had any food to share. His tummy rumbled, but he took a deep breath, smiled, and gave him his precious lunch. He watched the disciple take the food to Jesus. Jesus smiled, looked up to heaven and blessed the bread and fish.



Then He gave some food to His disciples, and they gave it to other people...Soon everyone on the hillside was eating bread and fish, including Jesus and Sammy!

"Wow!" thought Sammy! "I gave my lunch to Jesus, and now everyone has food to eat. They are even collecting all the leftovers!" Sammy took home more bread and fish than mommy put in his lunch bag in the morning!

Sammy discovered that kindness makes lovely, happy ripples. His shared lunch had rippled out to feed Jesus, and more than 5000 people! And the leftovers were taken to feed other people! Then all those people told the story of Jesus' love, and the miracle was multiplied! Whenever we do something kind, we have no idea how God will use our kindness to make ripples that will bless others with His love!

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LET'S DO THIS!

- Make a list of ways that you can be kind to others. Try to do at least one kind thing every day and see how it makes you feel.
- You can smile, say thank you, offer to help someone, be encouraging, give a hug, and tell someone that they are special to you.
- Did you know that being kind to others makes you feel happier too? It is a gift that gives right back to you!



LET'S PRAY

- Dear Father God, I love You and praise You for Your loving-kindness! I want to keep learning more about Your love throughout eternity!
- Thank You God for showing Your love to me by...
- I'm sorry God that I struggled to be kind to...
- Please fill my heart with Your love so that I can share it with others.
- I pray that everyone who knows You will learn how to share Your love with others by being kind and loving too.

