

## Inside Our Hearts

Bible story from Luke 11:37-44

**A** religious teacher invited Jesus for a meal. Jesus surprised him. Jesus did not wash His hands in the special way that teachers washed.

Jesus knew what the teacher was thinking. Jesus said, “You only care about how you look on the outside. You don’t think about being clean inside.”

The teacher was shocked. But Jesus said, “You give God your best offerings. But you do not show

God’s love. You obey all the little rules. But you forget the important rules. You are not fair to others. You do not try to help others.”

The teacher was putting on an act. He did not really love God.

### This Week’s Bible Memory Verse:

“The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7



# Real Love





**J**ulia's Sunday school class was ending. The teacher asked a question.

"How many of you talk to God every day?" Mrs. Miller asked.

Kaylee and her twin brother Kyle raised their hands. Julia wanted to raise her hand too. But she sometimes forgot to pray.

Julia wished she could be more like Kaylee and Kyle. They were the smartest kids in class. They always gave the right answers.

"God also wants us to help others," Mrs. Miller said. "Did any of you help someone this week?"

Kaylee and Kyle both raised their hands. "We visited some sick people," Kaylee said.

Julia had not helped anyone that week. She wished she had. Kyle and Kaylee must really love God, she thought.

Mrs. Miller said, "God wants us to love and obey Him. But He doesn't want us to pretend. God knows how we really feel inside."

After class, Julia went to find her little brother. Julia saw Kyle talking to another boy. Kyle made fun of the way the boy talked.

Then Julia saw Kaylee talking to her mother. "I don't want to visit anyone in the hospital today!" Kaylee said. "I don't like going there!"

Julia thought about what Mrs. Miller had said. *Maybe I don't want to be like Kaylee or Kyle,* Julia thought. *I want to really love God instead.*

## Talk-a-Bit

- Do you think Kaylee and Kyle really loved God? Why or why not?
- What can you do to show that you really love God?

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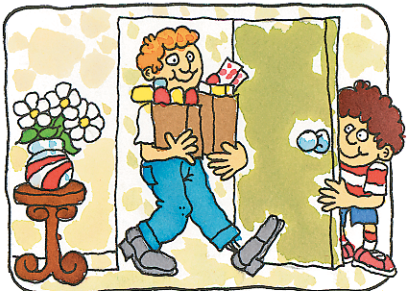
**What I learned about God this week:** Really love God; don't just put on an act.



# Kind Deeds

alone      room  
door      sick  
friends      sad

Fill in the missing word under each picture for ways to really love God.



Hold open the \_\_\_\_\_.



Help someone clean a \_\_\_\_\_.



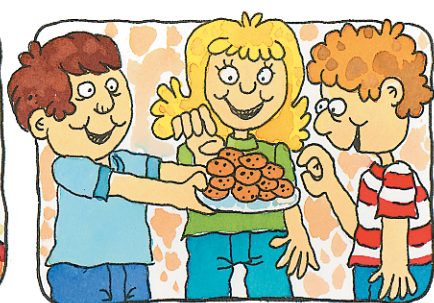
Visit someone who lives \_\_\_\_\_.



Cheer up a friend who is \_\_\_\_\_.



Visit a friend who is \_\_\_\_\_.



Share with your \_\_\_\_\_.

## Family Faith Fun

### Lesson Focus:

Really love God; don't just put on an act.

### Love God Reminders

■ Have your child cut small hearts from construction paper and place them in key spots that will serve as reminders to show love for God this week (such as on a mirror, a toy shelf, or book).

### Memory Verse Activity

■ Have your child practice the verse with these motions, repeating a motion every time the word is said:

**Lord**—point up

**Look at**—shade eyes with hand

**People**—point to self

**Appearance**—draw circle around face

**Heart**—outline heart on chest

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