

Week Two – DAY 8

Seeking Jesus – Wednesday (Greeks came looking for Jesus)

Outreach: (Ideas from SignUp Genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/nonprofit/kid-friendly-volunteering.cfm>)

Homeless and/or Hungry

Homelessness is a difficult issue to explain to young children, but you can help them learn about helping others less fortunate than them and expose them to volunteer opportunities. This is great for everyone to know and believe that God loves everyone and wants everyone to come to Him.

1. Bring your children with you to cook or serve meals at a homeless shelter.
2. Make care packages for the homeless. Include travel-sized toiletries, granola bars, and bottled water. Carry them with you in the car to hand out when you have the opportunity.
3. Donate books or art supplies to a homeless shelter for children.
4. Collect coats and give to a homeless shelter in winter.
5. Sponsor a child through Toys for Tots or the Angel Tree to make sure these children have magical holidays.
6. Check with Bread of Life (O'Side) or Fil-A-Belly to see if young children can assist with setting tables or handing out small fruits like apples and bananas.
7. Shop for a toy to give away, and then have your child give it to a child in need.
8. Gather canned foods to deposit at a local food bank.
9. Have your child sort through old toys they don't play with anymore and donate them to Goodwill or another local charity group.

Read (The Message):

John 12:20-36 ---- There were some Greeks in town who had come up to worship at the Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: "Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?"

Galatians 3:28 ---- In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ.

Questions:

1. How did you find Jesus?
2. How hard is it to like or love someone who is difficult to like or love even though God loves that person as much as He loves you?
3. Read Galatians 3:28. What kind of heart do you think Jesus wants you to have toward others, even those who are not like you?
4. Make a plan for how you, your family, or your friends could reach out to those in need, especially during this time in our lives.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for loving me so much. Help me to be loving to anyone I meet. In Jesus' name, Amen.