

Who is your best friend?

If you wrote anyone's name other than Jesus, guess again! The Bible says it clearly: there is no greater love than giving up your life for someone, and that's just what Jesus did! Jesus willingly died for you, taking the punishment for the things you've done wrong.

Since Jesus gave His life for us, He expects us to do the same for others. We can give our lives for them by choosing to put them first. Instead of taking the biggest piece of cake, we can give it to our brother. We can skip out on watching our favorite TV show to go visit our friend who is sick. What are some other ways we can put others first? Jot down some ideas in the box to the right.

And remember: when you choose to put others first, your very best friend Jesus will love to see it!

**THANK** God for showing you how to put others first.

PUT OTHERS FIRST!

# READ MATTHEW 22:39

What is your favorite sweet treat to have? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your favorite rainy day activity? \_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your least favorite chore to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you love for people to notice about you? \_\_\_\_\_\_

Think about what a great day it would be if someone brought you that treat AND let you spend the afternoon doing your favorite activity while they did your least favorite chore for you. On top of that, what if they said all sorts of nice things about you that made you feel good about yourself?

That would make you feel incredibly loved, wouldn't it?!

Now go find your sibling, a parent, or a friend and ask them these questions. Then pick one (or more!) of their answers and surprise them this week. Show them love by treating them the way you like to be treated!

God to help you love others like you love yourself.





### READ GALATIANS 5:13

Do you know the difference between a slave and a servant? A slave is someone who is forced to do something, but a servant usually chooses to serve for their job. We are not slaves to God—we can choose to obey Him or not. But because He loved us first, we want to obey Him. We can choose to love Him and others. That love makes us WANT to serve!

Tonight at dinner, pretend you're a servant to your family. Offer to get them drink refills and take their plates away when they're done. You can even be silly and bow and call everyone "sir" or "ma'am." When they ask what you're doing, tell them about Galatians 5:13!

for ways to serve others because you love them.

## READ 1 PETER 4:10

All of us have something we're good at ... maybe for you it's being funny or being encouraging. Maybe you're a great reader or quick at math. Or you're a fast football player or smiling cheerleader. Or maybe you can sing really well. Any gift or talent you have comes from God, and He expects us to use our gifts to help each other.

WRITE DOWN ONE THING YOU THINK YOU ARE REALLY GOOD AT DOING.

WRITE DOWN ONE OR TWO WAYS THAT YOU CAN USE THAT GIFT TO HELP OTHERS.

The next time you see someone who needs help at sports, is struggling with their homework, or is having a bad day, figure out how you can use your gift to help them!

that God has uniquely made you to serve others in His name.

