

WEEK TWO

Read John 18:10-11

DAY 1

Jesus was living out God's plan to save the world, but Peter wasn't buying it. He didn't like how things were going, so he took matters into his own hands. But in doing so, he put himself and what he wanted ahead of everyone else.

Interview your sibling(s) or closest friend to find out their favorite...

Movie: _____

Dessert: _____

Activity: _____

Color: _____

Character (superhero/princess/cartoon): _____

Restaurant: _____

Sport: _____

Circle the ones that are different from your own favorites. This week when you have a choice to make—like what to watch for family movie night or which game to play after dinner—choose something that someone else chose instead of your own favorite. Who knows? You might discover a new favorite in the process!



THANK God for the strength to put others' desires first.

Read Philippians 2:1-4

DAY 2

Ask a parent for help finding a bandana, handkerchief, or other small piece of fabric. Tie it over your mouth for a few minutes while you read the paragraph below.

It feels good to get the last word in an argument, doesn't it? Especially when you think you're right. But humility is all about letting go of what you want—even when you think you're right. Sometimes it comes down to a simple question: do you want to have the last word, or do you want to have a good relationship? That means sometimes we just have to keep our mouths shut and choose to follow someone else's plan even though we think ours might be better.

Now take the bandana off, but hang it somewhere in your house where you'll see it often. Every time you see it, remember that letting someone else have the last word is a great way to put others first.

ASK God for the self-control to let go of what you want.

Read Galatians 5:13-14

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Ask a parent if there are any un-filled plastic Easter eggs around the house. If not, ask to borrow some empty plastic containers with lids from the kitchen. Cut or tear a sheet of paper into several different strips or pieces. On each piece, write "ME" or "OTHERS." Put each piece in a different container without looking to see what it says. Mix the containers up, and then after reading each scenario below, open a container to see who you have to put first. Beside each scenario, write either "ME" or "OTHERS" based on what you find inside the egg or container.

As you and your best friend arrive at your normal lunchroom table, there is only one seat left.

Your mom says you have 30 minutes of TV time left and your little brother wants to watch his show.

Your dad says you can buy one bag of Easter candy for the family to share. Your favorite is chocolate eggs, but your sister loves jellybeans.

Here's the thing: you don't HAVE to follow what the paper says. That's right, you have a CHOICE. You can choose to let go of what you want, or you can choose to put yourself first. But when you make the wise choice to put others first, you will be living out what Jesus said is the most important thing: to love others.

LOOK for ways to put others first by letting go of what you want.



Read Acts 20:35

DAY 4

"It is more blessed to give than receive." Okay, that sounds great, but do you really think it's true? Honestly, sometimes getting what you want sounds like the best option, doesn't it? But here's the cool thing: true joy comes when you practice humility by letting go of what you want.

On a blank sheet of paper, write the acronym JOY like this:

Jesus
Others
You

Make sure to leave plenty of space beside "Jesus" and "Others," but decorate the page however you'd like and hang it somewhere to remind you to put others first. For the rest of the month, every time you let go of what you want in order to put either Jesus or others first, write it down on your sheet beside the corresponding word—either what you did or how it made you feel. You'll be able to look back and see how you found joy by putting others first!

KNOW that true JOY is found when you put yourself last.