

NOT JUST ABOUT DOING GOOD

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Game Time: Pick It Up, Put It Down

Instruction to parents:

This is a simple game on packing up. All you need is a basket or a box where items can be dropped after being picked. You can play this inside or outside the home. Everyone will participate by picking up their own stuff lying around the house. Below are sample categories. You can play as many rounds as you wish and can think up more creative categories. The faster participant wins the game.

- Round 1 - Pick up something circular
- Round 2 - Pick up something square
- Round 3 - Pick up something yellow
- Round 4 - Pick up at least 2 items
- Round 5 - Pick up something with Alphabets printed on it

Who would have thought a house chore can actually be fun, right? Imagine if it is always this fun, we would probably love it so much we would do it happily every day without complaining. But reality is, some house chores are no fun at all and we will never love it no matter how much we try. Sometimes, we just have to do it because our parents say so.

Now what does the Bible say about doing things without love? Let's find out!

Read the Word

1 Corinthians 13:2 NIRV

Suppose I have the gift of prophecy. Suppose I can understand all the secret things of God and know everything about him. And suppose I have enough faith to move mountains. If I don't have love, I am nothing at all.

This verse is a part of the entire chapter of love in 1 Corinthians 13 (You can spend more time reading the entire chapter to know more about it). But in this particular verse, it says that love is the only thing that actually gives value to what we do. It says we are nothing without love, and that whatever we do without it is worthless.

This kind of love is more than the love we usually mean when we say "I love playing games" or "I love doing (a particular thing)". It is more than a feeling of enjoyment. Rather, it is the love that comes from God. And it is this love that will bring us to do even the things we do not like to do because the love of God is in us.

And we can truly love because God loved us first. It is through His love that we can experience this true love and can do even the hard things for love. Like cleaning the tables after dinner, or washing the dishes when your brother or sister can't do it because he or she is sick; even if it is hard and not fun at all, we can do it with love because we love our family, as God loved us.

So the next time you do a good deed, search your heart. You see, love is not just about doing good but it is about the love of God that is in our hearts because He first loved us.

Huddle

Parent to Kid/s:

4-6 years old

- Have you done any good deeds lately? Share them with your family.

7-12 years old

- What good deeds have you done lately? Do you know what motivated you or pushed you to do them? Share your thoughts with your family.

Kid/s to Parent:

- What was the hardest thing you did because you love a person? Were you comforted by God's love during those hard times?

It is not wrong to do good deeds. But sometimes, our motives are selfish. We do them because we want our parents to praise us, or we do them so we can get something in return. But remember that important thing in why we do good is because the love of God is in us.

Pray

Dear God, we want to say thank Uou for loving us. We know that we can love because You loved us first. Please remind us to always look out for one another and help us do more things because of love even if it is not fun to do. We pray we show more love in this house, in our schools,

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Speaking of toys, one of the most expensive toys in the world is a teddy bear that is worth \$2.1million (Php 108 Million). This is a bear dressed in one of the most expensive brands. It has travel gear, real fur, real gold, sapphire, and diamond eyes.

This teddy bear is currently located in a museum in Jeju Island, South Korea and is open for visitors who love teddy bears.

Now imagine if this teddy bear was given to you as a gift? You would probably feel so valued and loved that you will embrace it daily and take care of it.

God's love is more expensive than this teddy bear. It's actually priceless and it's given to you so you feel loved and you can share this love to others by your good deeds.

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