

FLOURISH

The Holy Ground of Hospitality

Matthew 25:31-46



Hi Parents and caring adults!

These cards are designed for further discussion within the family format - at the dinner table, in the car, or whenever and wherever you find yourself together, sorting out life together.

The Flourish series is for the entire congregation to consider. We all can adjust how we see others, and how we interact with them in a safe way, making strangers into friends.

Why a Pineapple?

Because of their scarcity and price, pineapples were originally served only to most-honored guests. That idea was translated into pineapple images so that those who couldn't afford the fruit itself could still share the sentiment. Towns, inns and even individual households would display pictures or carvings of the fruit to convey a sense of welcoming.

Chatting it over:

Taking a page from Bible Adventures...

The Least of These
Bible Adventures
LESSON 12

THIS JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! HOW CAN I LOVE THE "LEAST OF THESE" IF I CAN'T EVEN FIND ONE?

LOOK, JESUS TOLD US WHO THE "LEAST OF THESE" WERE. IT SAYS HERE THE HUNGRY, THE THIRSTY, STRANGERS, THOSE WITHOUT CLOTHES, THE SICK, AND PEOPLE IN PRISON.

WELL, THAT DOESN'T HELP MUCH. EVERYONE I KNOW GOES TO THEIR REFRIGERATOR OR A RESTAURANT WHEN THEY ARE HUNGRY OR THIRSTY. I'M NOT ALLOWED TO TALK TO STRANGERS, AND I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WITHOUT CLOTHES. I'M NOT A DOCTOR, SO I CAN'T HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK. I KNOW MY MOM WOULD NEVER LET ME GO TO A PRISON. I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN LOVE THESE PEOPLE.

Later that day...

MRS. ALLEN JUST CALLED AND SAID THAT DANIEL IS IN THE HOSPITAL.

How could Andrew show love to the sick? Act out your ideas.

The next morning at school...

WE HAVE A NEW STUDENT JOINING OUR CLASS. HIS NAME IS RYAN. PLEASE MAKE HIM FEEL WELCOME.

How could Andrew show love to strangers (people he doesn't know)? Act out your ideas.

At lunch...

BOY, AM I HUNGRY. I WISH I HADN'T FORGOTTEN MY LUNCH AT HOME TODAY.

How could Andrew show love to the hungry? Act out your ideas.

At Sunday school...

OUR CHURCH IS COLLECTING FOOD AND CLOTHES FOR FAMILIES OF PRISONERS. I THOUGHT OUR CLASS MIGHT LIKE TO HELP.

How could Andrew show love to prisoners and help with the food and clothing drive? Act out your ideas.

When Jesus talked about loving the least of these, He wanted us to help with needs we see around us. He wants us to love people everyone else doesn't see as important. Maybe they aren't popular, easy to love, or wear the right clothes. Maybe they don't have as much money as you do. Jesus wants us to see someone in need and instead of ignoring them, do our best to help them.

KEY VERSE
"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40