Weekly Challenge

Read the Gospel of John, chapters 15 to 21, and write what you learn in your journal. Read a chapter each day of the week, and don’t forget to mark the corresponding box for each chapter you read.

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Monica was a young girl whose father hit their mother, brothers, sisters, and her whenever he got home. Her mother drank a lot of alcohol, and this kept her away from home. Her older sister was the one who had to provide food, so she gave herself to prostitution in order to do this. Monica had a job cleaning a house. She was often alone and sad.

One day Monica met Maria, a girl her same age, who told her about Jesus. After hearing the story, Monica began to cry and accepted Christ. Maria invited her to come to church with her the following Sunday. When Monica did not show up, Maria and her friends went to visit her, and Maria promised to pick her up next week.

After attending church for several months, Monica testified that although she had serious problems in her home, she was very happy because she was now part of a “new family.”

Memorize

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:10
The New Testament speaks of believers as "a family".

1. What is the family in Ephesians 2:19 called? The family of ______________________________________

2. What name does Galatians 6:10 give to this family? The family of_____________________________________________

3. According to 2 Corinthians 6:18, what relationship does God have with us? God is our ______________________________________

4. According to John 3:14, what is one way to know we are saved? ___________________________________________________________

5. In keeping with John 13:35, how will men know that we are disciples of Christ? ___________________________________________________________

6. Points four and five remind us that love is very important. Think of an acrostic to help you remember this importance.

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As young believers, we are members of the family of faith. God is our Father; Christ is our big brother and Savior. We as Christians have been saved and are sons and daughters of God, and brothers and sisters to one another. Therefore, the Bible commands us to love one another and help each other in both our material and spiritual lives.

According to Acts 2:42, what did the first Christians devote themselves to?_________________________________________________________

According to Hebrews 10:25, what should we not give up doing?_________________________________________________________

In keeping with the following verses, what is it that we should do to one another? Make a list of the actions that you find.

Galatians 6:2; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:18; James 5:16 and 1 Peter 1:22.

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Hands at Work

Talk with an adult that knows other brothers and sisters in the church and together think of ways to help someone who has a need.

Also, in your next meeting, take the initiative and go talk with two other youth that you do not know well. Get to know them better and then share how it went with your leader.