

SUMMER
With
THE CHOSEN
ADVENTURES
SCRIPTURE QUEST

MEMORY CHALLENGE

ROMANS 15:7

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

CAREGIVER CONNECTION

Picture Mary, Jesus' mother. She journeyed over ninety miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem—and not by train, plane, or car but on a donkey's back! She was hot, tired, and expecting her first child. Joseph knocked on the door of a place that was normally open to guests, but this time it was full and there wasn't a warm welcome. Instead, Joseph and Mary were sent to a smelly stable: "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

Would it have hurt the innkeeper to give up his own room for the night?? Well, sometimes providing a warm welcome means making a sacrifice or doing something that feels uncomfortable—but that's exactly what Jesus does for us! And since we're supposed to be like Him, here are a few ways you can make someone else feel welcomed, seen, and cared for: 1) Pick a few flowers and offer the bouquet to a neighbor. 2) Share a smile with the cashier at the grocery store. 3) Scooch over and make space for the new kid to join you at the lunch table.

There are lots of ways to extend warm welcomes and you can start today!

Side note: It's important to be alert and wise around strangers, so get permission from your Mom, Dad, or caregiver before approaching someone you don't know.

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CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. Describe a time someone welcomed you.
2. Why do you think it's hard to give up your own comfort in order to make someone else feel comfortable?
3. What does a warm welcome from Jesus look like?

PRAYER



Dear God, give me Your wisdom and creativity when welcoming others. Let me see others the way You do, and help me be willing to sacrifice for someone else's sake. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen





SCRIPTURE QUEST

MEMORY CHALLENGE

EPHESIANS 5:15-17

"So be very careful how you live. Do not live like those who are not wise. Live wisely. I mean that you should use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times. So do not be foolish with your lives. But learn what the Lord wants you to do."

CAREGIVER CONNECTION

There are times when all of us act like Abby, running through life unaware of danger and ignoring rules put in place to protect us. Rather than trusting God or our parents (who usually say "no" because they love us and want to keep us safe!), we stubbornly do what we want to do instead. But God has promised in His Word, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go" (Psalm 32:8).

In other words, those who choose to go their own way are foolish, but those who choose to listen and obey are wise.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. Talk about a time when you were foolish and did not choose to obey God and/or a parent.
2. How has wisdom in the Bible kept you out of trouble?
3. What is a wise choice you can make today?

PRAYER

Dear God, I praise You for saying "no" to the things that will harm me. Help me grow in wisdom, trusting that whatever You say in Your Word is true and for my good. In Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE QUEST



MEMORY CHALLENGE

JAMES 1:5

"But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. God is generous. He enjoys giving to all people, so God will give you wisdom."



CAREGIVER CONNECTION

Whether you're nine or ninety-nine, you face questions every day. *Why do I have brown eyes? Should I have said that? Do people like me? What is my purpose on this planet?? Why did God make mosquitoes???*

There's no end to life's questions, and Abby is the perfect example of someone who isn't afraid to ask. Just as she discovered, there's no one better to take questions to than Jesus. After all, He knows where you are and what you're thinking, and you are precious to Him—and the Bible says He delights in giving wisdom. So ask!

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. How do you normally deal with your questions?
2. What would you like to ask Jesus right now?
3. In what way has Jesus shown you that He is the answer for all your needs?

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for my curiosity. May it always bring me closer to You, the answer to all my questions. In Jesus' name, Amen.

