



## BE CLOSE: It's the Simple Things

### "DIRTY LAUNDRY" IN ACTION

In this month's KidZ on Mission video, Ruby shared about helping the homeless with the cost of laundry detergent. Contact an organization in your neighborhood that serves the homeless. Ask if it would be helpful for you and your kids to fill empty prescription bottles with powdered laundry detergent for the organization to give to the homeless people they serve. Remember to remove any labels from the empty prescription bottles, then label the bottle "laundry detergent" as well. See if you and your kids can be involved in the distribution process so you can get to know the people you are serving. And, most important, pray regularly for these neighbors.



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • www.kidZatheart.org • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## BE CLOSE: It's the Simple Things

### "DIRTY LAUNDRY" IN ACTION

In this month's KidZ on Mission video, Ruby shared about helping the homeless with the cost of laundry detergent. Contact an organization in your neighborhood that serves the homeless. Ask if it would be helpful for you and your kids to fill empty prescription bottles with powdered laundry detergent for the organization to give to the homeless people they serve. Remember to remove any labels from the empty prescription bottles, then label the bottle "laundry detergent" as well. See if you and your kids can be involved in the distribution process so you can get to know the people you are serving. And, most important, pray regularly for these neighbors.



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • www.kidZatheart.org • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## BE CLOSE: It's the Simple Things

### "DIRTY LAUNDRY" IN ACTION

In this month's KidZ on Mission video, Ruby shared about helping the homeless with the cost of laundry detergent. Contact an organization in your neighborhood that serves the homeless. Ask if it would be helpful for you and your kids to fill empty prescription bottles with powdered laundry detergent for the organization to give to the homeless people they serve. Remember to remove any labels from the empty prescription bottles, then label the bottle "laundry detergent" as well. See if you and your kids can be involved in the distribution process so you can get to know the people you are serving. And, most important, pray regularly for these neighbors.



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • www.kidZatheart.org • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## BE CLOSE: It's the Simple Things

### "DIRTY LAUNDRY" IN ACTION

In this month's KidZ on Mission video, Ruby shared about helping the homeless with the cost of laundry detergent. Contact an organization in your neighborhood that serves the homeless. Ask if it would be helpful for you and your kids to fill empty prescription bottles with powdered laundry detergent for the organization to give to the homeless people they serve. Remember to remove any labels from the empty prescription bottles, then label the bottle "laundry detergent" as well. See if you and your kids can be involved in the distribution process so you can get to know the people you are serving. And, most important, pray regularly for these neighbors.



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • www.kidZatheart.org • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## BE CLOSE: It's the Simple Things

### GROWING LOVE

All around you there is new life, seen especially in new plants growing at this time of year in many places. 'Grow some love' for a neighbor who is unable to get out and enjoy the season! Plant some flower seeds in a small, pretty planter. Create a label and glue it to a stick. Insert it into the plant so the one receiving it knows what kind of flowers to expect and how to care for them. Deliver your plant to someone who is unable to leave their house. Take time to talk with them and pray for them, too. Arrange for a time to come back and visit and see the flowers they have grown.



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • [www.kidZatheart.org](http://www.kidZatheart.org) • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## BE CLOSE: It's the Simple Things

### GROWING LOVE

All around you there is new life, seen especially in new plants growing at this time of year in many places. 'Grow some love' for a neighbor who is unable to get out and enjoy the season! Plant some flower seeds in a small, pretty planter. Create a label and glue it to a stick. Insert it into the plant so the one receiving it knows what kind of flowers to expect and how to care for them. Deliver your plant to someone who is unable to leave their house. Take time to talk with them and pray for them, too. Arrange for a time to come back and visit and see the flowers they have grown.



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • [www.kidZatheart.org](http://www.kidZatheart.org) • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## BE CLOSE: It's the Simple Things

### GROWING LOVE

All around you there is new life, seen especially in new plants growing at this time of year in many places. 'Grow some love' for a neighbor who is unable to get out and enjoy the season! Plant some flower seeds in a small, pretty planter. Create a label and glue it to a stick. Insert it into the plant so the one receiving it knows what kind of flowers to expect and how to care for them. Deliver your plant to someone who is unable to leave their house. Take time to talk with them and pray for them, too. Arrange for a time to come back and visit and see the flowers they have grown.



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • [www.kidZatheart.org](http://www.kidZatheart.org) • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## BE CLOSE: It's the Simple Things

### GROWING LOVE

All around you there is new life, seen especially in new plants growing at this time of year in many places. 'Grow some love' for a neighbor who is unable to get out and enjoy the season! Plant some flower seeds in a small, pretty planter. Create a label and glue it to a stick. Insert it into the plant so the one receiving it knows what kind of flowers to expect and how to care for them. Deliver your plant to someone who is unable to leave their house. Take time to talk with them and pray for them, too. Arrange for a time to come back and visit and see the flowers they have grown.



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • [www.kidZatheart.org](http://www.kidZatheart.org) • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## LOVE DIFFERENTLY: It's the Simple Things

### A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Unemployment has risen significantly as a result of the pandemic. Who do you know that is without a job? God may have you be his "hands and feet" to serve this family. Pray for God to direct you to the family or individual that he wants you to bless. Contact them personally to ask what needs they have. You might be able to provide a meal, specific food items, financial help or an evening of friendship. Listen carefully to what their needs are and determine in what way and how often you are able to help with any ongoing needs. Pray with them. Check back in a couple of weeks to see how they are doing. Have a family conversation and consider these questions: Do we make common assumptions about those who are out of work? How were our assumptions changed by our relationship with this family or individual?



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • [www.kidZatheart.org](http://www.kidZatheart.org) • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## LOVE DIFFERENTLY: It's the Simple Things

### A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Unemployment has risen significantly as a result of the pandemic. Who do you know that is without a job? God may have you be his "hands and feet" to serve this family. Pray for God to direct you to the family or individual that he wants you to bless. Contact them personally to ask what needs they have. You might be able to provide a meal, specific food items, financial help or an evening of friendship. Listen carefully to what their needs are and determine in what way and how often you are able to help with any ongoing needs. Pray with them. Check back in a couple of weeks to see how they are doing. Have a family conversation and consider these questions: Do we make common assumptions about those who are out of work? How were our assumptions changed by our relationship with this family or individual?



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • [www.kidZatheart.org](http://www.kidZatheart.org) • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## LOVE DIFFERENTLY: It's the Simple Things

### A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Unemployment has risen significantly as a result of the pandemic. Who do you know that is without a job? God may have you be his "hands and feet" to serve this family. Pray for God to direct you to the family or individual that he wants you to bless. Contact them personally to ask what needs they have. You might be able to provide a meal, specific food items, financial help or an evening of friendship. Listen carefully to what their needs are and determine in what way and how often you are able to help with any ongoing needs. Pray with them. Check back in a couple of weeks to see how they are doing. Have a family conversation and consider these questions: Do we make common assumptions about those who are out of work? How were our assumptions changed by our relationship with this family or individual?



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • [www.kidZatheart.org](http://www.kidZatheart.org) • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## LOVE DIFFERENTLY: It's the Simple Things

### A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Unemployment has risen significantly as a result of the pandemic. Who do you know that is without a job? God may have you be his "hands and feet" to serve this family. Pray for God to direct you to the family or individual that he wants you to bless. Contact them personally to ask what needs they have. You might be able to provide a meal, specific food items, financial help or an evening of friendship. Listen carefully to what their needs are and determine in what way and how often you are able to help with any ongoing needs. Pray with them. Check back in a couple of weeks to see how they are doing. Have a family conversation and consider these questions: Do we make common assumptions about those who are out of work? How were our assumptions changed by our relationship with this family or individual?



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • [www.kidZatheart.org](http://www.kidZatheart.org) • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## LOVE DIFFERENTLY: It's the Simple Things

### CHALLENGED BY NOTHING

Living more simply can free us to serve others more generously. And living more simply can help us understand those who have less than we do. Participate in a No- Spend Weekend! How hard do you think it would be to go an entire weekend and not spend any money on yourself or your family? (Or be a superhero and try it for a whole week!) That means no eating out and bypassing your movie night at the theater. You might even walk more to avoid the cost of filling up the gas tank in your car! You decide what length of time will really give you a test. Afterward, discuss these questions together:

- What amount do you estimate that you saved on your No-Spend Weekend?
- What purchases did you give up during this time? Which ones were hard to give up and which were easier?
- Did you learn something about yourselves? Will that impact the way that you serve others?



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • www.kidZatheart.org • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## LOVE DIFFERENTLY: It's the Simple Things

### CHALLENGED BY NOTHING

Living more simply can free us to serve others more generously. And living more simply can help us understand those who have less than we do. Participate in a No- Spend Weekend! How hard do you think it would be to go an entire weekend and not spend any money on yourself or your family? (Or be a superhero and try it for a whole week!) That means no eating out and bypassing your movie night at the theater. You might even walk more to avoid the cost of filling up the gas tank in your car! You decide what length of time will really give you a test. Afterward, discuss these questions together:

- What amount do you estimate that you saved on your No-Spend Weekend?
- What purchases did you give up during this time? Which ones were hard to give up and which were easier?
- Did you learn something about yourselves? Will that impact the way that you serve others?



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • www.kidZatheart.org • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## LOVE DIFFERENTLY: It's the Simple Things

### CHALLENGED BY NOTHING

Living more simply can free us to serve others more generously. And living more simply can help us understand those who have less than we do. Participate in a No- Spend Weekend! How hard do you think it would be to go an entire weekend and not spend any money on yourself or your family? (Or be a superhero and try it for a whole week!) That means no eating out and bypassing your movie night at the theater. You might even walk more to avoid the cost of filling up the gas tank in your car! You decide what length of time will really give you a test. Afterward, discuss these questions together:

- What amount do you estimate that you saved on your No-Spend Weekend?
- What purchases did you give up during this time? Which ones were hard to give up and which were easier?
- Did you learn something about yourselves? Will that impact the way that you serve others?



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • www.kidZatheart.org • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)



## LOVE DIFFERENTLY: It's the Simple Things

### CHALLENGED BY NOTHING

Living more simply can free us to serve others more generously. And living more simply can help us understand those who have less than we do. Participate in a No- Spend Weekend! How hard do you think it would be to go an entire weekend and not spend any money on yourself or your family? (Or be a superhero and try it for a whole week!) That means no eating out and bypassing your movie night at the theater. You might even walk more to avoid the cost of filling up the gas tank in your car! You decide what length of time will really give you a test. Afterward, discuss these questions together:

- What amount do you estimate that you saved on your No-Spend Weekend?
- What purchases did you give up during this time? Which ones were hard to give up and which were easier?
- Did you learn something about yourselves? Will that impact the way that you serve others?



© 2021 KidZ at Heart International  
TrainingResources@kidZatheart.org • www.kidZatheart.org • (877) 778-KidZ (5439)

## REACH WIDE

### HOW BIG IS YOUR WORLD?

By Nancy Tichy

#### Chapter 9: "A Bit of Baklava"

Cara sat on the window seat, journal in her lap, looking out at Dad and Jeremy working well together to restore the back yard to its familiar, summer loveliness. Lots of time would be spent there over the coming months. Max and Kashir watched mostly, not sure who they could help, or how. Kashir was his usual jittery self, eyeing the peach tree in the center, eager to climb it and find out if that pair of hummingbirds he had spotted were really building a nest on one of the higher branches. Cara turned and surveyed the room Mom used for an office. Mom was working on a project at her desk, a small, delicate basket lined with a colorful cloth napkin the center of her attention. She paused from filling it with items that were spread out around it and looked up as Cara spoke.

"Do you ever feel like we've been taken over by Max and his family, Mom?" Cara asked. "You know, it's not that I don't like them. I'm grateful that Fozia helps me with my French homework, and I get to babysit the twins who are darling, but it seems like we don't have enough time for just the four of us anymore."

"Dad and I have been talking about this, Cara," Mom answered. "We really have done about all we can do, except for continuing to love them. The folks at church have supplied furniture and other basic equipment. Fozia was reluctant, but she did accept the scholarship for the twins to spend two mornings in preschool so she could take those computer courses. She is working on English classes for herself and the older boys now that she has a laptop. We don't even know where their sponsoring agency will send them next."

"Now, I'd like to finish filling this basket," Mom continued. "Would you mind sharing some of the embroidery thread skeins you've been storing up? I'd like to add them to these toiletry items and gift cards to the bath and beauty store, and the craft store Fozia loves."

"Keep on giving? Even more?" Cara's thoughts made her hesitate briefly as she looked for the thread. But she felt God changing her heart. She admitted that she had really lost interest in the project for which the thread had been purchased. "Such a small thing," she thought to herself, "...colorful thread," as she handed the skeins over to Mom.

"But what's that, nestled on top in the middle of it all?" Cara asked.

"That, my dear, is some baklava, a delightful, sweet treat that I'm hoping Fozia will someday teach us to make for ourselves. It may seem trivial, but I'm praying that this bit of sweetness from her homeland will finally convince Fozia that we do want to love her and the children unconditionally," Mom finished.

"And bring them to know you, Jesus, the sweetest one of all," Cara prayed under her breath.

**AUTHOR'S NOTE:** I first tasted baklava in Lebanon, a gift from a kind taxi owner/driver who supplied it for my husband and me, and our two young daughters. It's layers of filo dough around finely chopped walnuts, drenched in honey...you can find the recipe online. Try it – I am sure you'll like it.

### REACH WIDE: Idea for Engagement

You can involve your kids in becoming comfortable with other cultures by introducing Foreign Fridays. Each Friday together you can focus on a different foreign country. Enjoy a meal using recipes you discover or at a local ethnic restaurant. Learn about their culture and pray for the people. Click [here](#) to enjoy an interview from Weave Family about how one family initiated this idea with

## RESOURCES

<https://weavefamily.org/connect-with-gods-world-22/>