



Session 5: Valued  
Suggested Week of Use: July 1, 2018  
Core Passages: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

### **News Story Summary**

In May, seven-year-old Gypsy Retting and six-year-old Story Retting wrote notes to their late father, attached them to a balloon, and released it to up to the sky. They sent messages to heaven for their dad on his birthday. Skyler Retting passed away last year from complications caused by a car accident. The balloon landed in the yard of Lance Dunahoe who lives four miles away. Dunahoe was touched by the notes and found the girls. He discovered Story suffered from epilepsy and medical bills for treatments were mounting. Wanting to help, he is raising money to help Story's mom pay the bills.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "Sisters balloon to heaven.")

### **Focus Attention**

Following Welcome under the Focus Attention idea, share the news story summary about the sisters who attached notes to a balloon. Ask: *Do you think kindness has the same effect on everyone? Explain.* Complete the step as written.

### **Summarize and Challenge**

To supplement Review under the Summarize and Challenge idea, remind the group of the news story summary. Ask: *How might we have responded if we had found the balloon in our front yard?* Remind them that expressing kindness is a way of honoring God and demonstrating His love for us. Challenge them as a group to extend kindness to someone in need and to individually cultivate a life of showing kindness on a daily basis.