

S.A.F.E. Homes



“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive.”

Matthew 21:22

Let Me Be Sensitive

During the toddler years, parents teach their children how to be social with others. A part of those social skills is being sensitive to others, and this is taught by repetition. By the time they are teens, parents are hopeful that sensitivity has been firmly instilled in them.

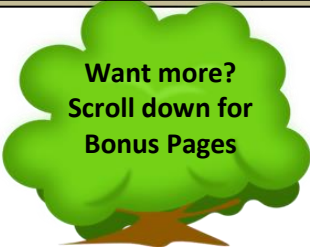
Being sensitive is being aware of the needs and emotions of others. If we are lacking sensitivity, we can obtain it through the power of prayer. Prayer is the key to touching God. When we see someone sitting by themselves, and everyone is passing them by, we can take the initiative. Simply smiling and speaking to someone may make a world of a difference in that person's life. The Bible tells us the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37. The priest and the Levite passed by the wounded man on the road. Neither of them would help him, but the Samaritan had compassion on him and stepped in to assist. Not only did he bandage him up, but he carried him to the inn, took care of him, and paid the innkeeper money for his further care.

We must be kind and tenderhearted to others who may be less fortunate. We can uplift people who may be down on themselves with a word of encouragement. Everyone, young and old, needs to know someone cares for them. Our actions must speak louder than our words. Through prayer, we can become more sensitive, compassionate and loving. God will equip us with the tools we need if we just ask.

Family Prayer: *Lord help me to pray more earnestly that I may be able to be more sensitive to the needs of others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

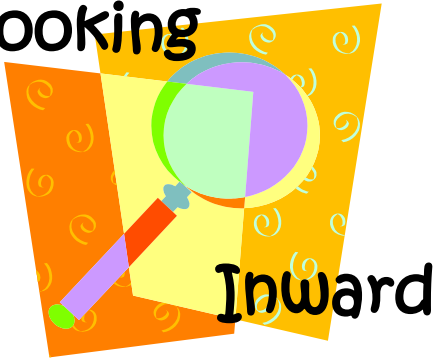


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Inward

Have each family member draw a smiling face and a sad face. Feel free to decorate if you choose. Glue the faces onto popsicle sticks. A parent/guardian will ask questions to the family and everyone will respond by holding up either the happy face or the sad face. Ask questions such as: How do you feel when someone calls you a name? How do you feel when someone gives you a compliment? How does it feel when someone gives you a gift?

Let's talk

As a family, discuss the different ways we can show we care about others.

Show someone they are special by inviting them over for dinner. Make someone's day by including them on an outing. Make it a point to encourage them during this dinner/outing and let them know how special they are to you and in God's eyes.

Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

ROLE PLAY:

Place yourself in the other person's position and imagine what you might feel, think or do if you were in that situation. As a family, act out the following scenarios:

- How do we approach someone that is shy and antisocial?
 - What can we do to help them feel more comfortable around us?
- In Matthew 5, who did Jesus approach that was extremely anti-social?

- How do we handle someone that is feeling down on themselves?
 - How do we use positive reinforcement?

- In Matthew 9:22, how did Jesus address the woman with the issue of blood?

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- How can we show kindness to the less fortunate?
 - List 3 acts of kindness you can use in your everyday life (act them out)

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***Remember, we don't need to know the specifics of someone's situation.
Just be there for them and show them you care.***

