

Home Economics
January, 2014

Week One: Hospitality
(January 2-11)

Prep:

Print out Hidden Image Worksheet from [this site](#).
Print out Hospitality Charts.
Print out Shields.

Hospitality:

What is “hospitality”?

**Let the kids answer—possibly a child will say “hospital”—use following analogy.*

Think of a hospital. What do the doctors and nurses do at the hospital? They care for the people that are visiting. When we think of the word “hospitality” we can remember we are the doctors of our home, or others’ homes when we are visiting.

Hospitality is more than being kind to those you know or people that visit your home.

**Pass out the Hidden Image Worksheet and let the children work on it while you read aloud Luke 10:25-37, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and the other passages listed below.*

Hospitality is an action we show towards those we love and those we do not love. How did the Samaritan show love to the hurt man?

- Stopped and recognized a need
- Did not look at where the person was from (outward appearance)
- Took action to care for the man

Sometimes it is easy to do our own thing and overlook the needs of others. The priest and the Levite were both too concerned with where they needed to go and what others would think about them if they helped someone that was not from their same religion/faith.

Leviticus 19:34 says, “You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God” (ESV).

Hebrews 13:2 says, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (ESV).

In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus tells the parable of the Sheep and the Goats. **Read the passage aloud.*

Everything we do reflects our heart. In earlier lessons we learned about how God looks at our heart. When we show others hospitality, care, or love, from our hearts we are being an extension of God. And as the verse in Hebrew says, we may very well be tending to angels. We never know when God may place a need along our path to test where our heart is. Will our hearts be too busy to see the needs of others? Will we look at how someone is dressed or think about where they are from before helping them?

Hospitality starts in the heart but can be practiced at home! What are some ways that we can serve and show love to others? *Let the kids come up with some answers.*

Hand out the Hospitality Chart. You can use the one I started for you and fill in the blank spaces or create one unique for your home by using the one that is completely blank.

Let's work on this verse for the week:

Romans 12:13 says, "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" (NIV).

Practice:

1. Work on the "outward Hospitality":
Complete the Chart—Do 15-25 acts of service (worth 4 shields)
2. Work on "inside":
 - * Ask God daily to prepare your heart to be obedient to Him and to give you the strength to live for Him.
 - * Memorize verse and explain the meaning of hospitality. (worth 1 shield)

Have parents initial inside the shield each day you have completed one of the practices and return with 4 shields initialed (outward) and 1 shield/verse (inward).

Suggested Additional Resources:

Veggie Tales—Are You My Neighbor? (Story of the Good Samaritan)

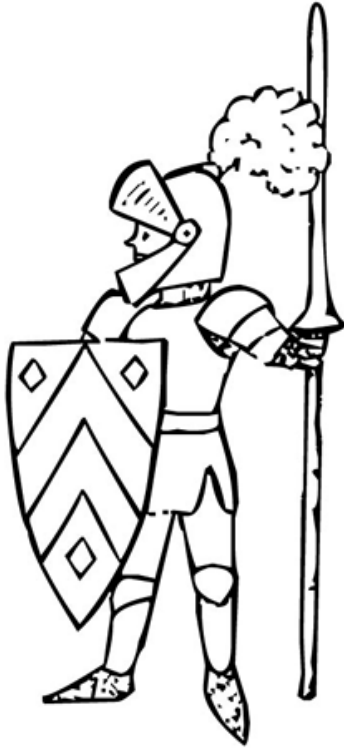
Hospitality Chart

Serve Drinks at meals					
Set the table					
Greet others with a smile					
Help with cleaning a room					
Use polite words/ Manners					

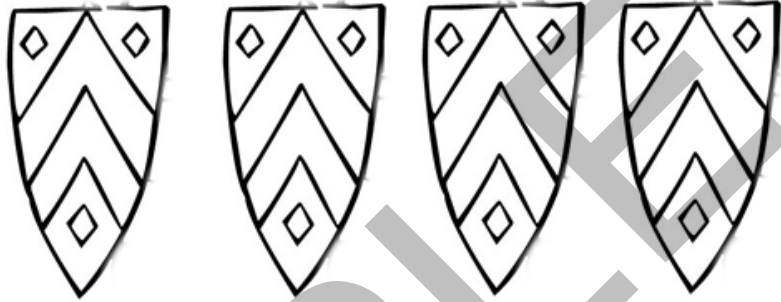
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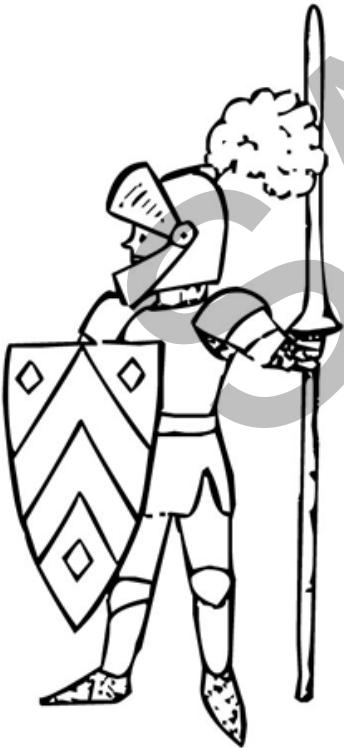
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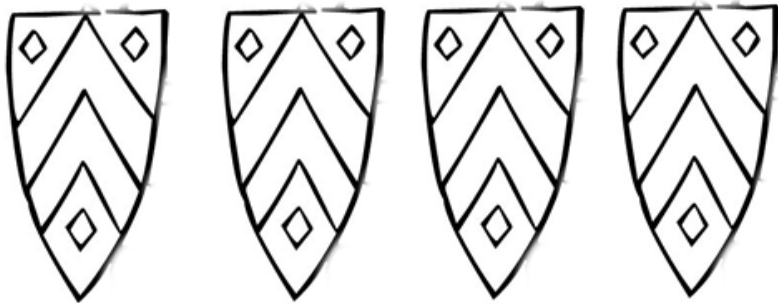
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I am far from oppression, and fear does not come near me (Isaiah 54:14).
I am born of God, and the evil one does not touch me (1 John 5:18).
I am holy and without blame before Him in love (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:16).
I have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5).
I have the peace of God that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7).
I have the Greater One living in me; greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).



I have received the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus, the eyes of my understanding being enlightened (Ephesians 1:17-18).
I have received the power of the Holy Spirit to lay hands on the sick and see them recover, to cast out demons, to speak with new tongues.
I have power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means harm me (Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:17-19).
I can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one with my shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16).
I can do all things through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:13).
I am God's workmanship, created in Christ unto good works (Ephesians 2:10).
I am a believer, and the light of the Gospel shines in my mind (2 Corinthians 4:4).
I am a doer of the Word and blessed in my actions (James 1:22,25).
I am a joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17).
I am more than a conqueror through Him Who loves me (Romans 8:37).
I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony (Revelation 12:11).
I am a partaker of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:3-4).
I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people (1 Peter 2:9).
I am the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).
I am the temple of the Holy Spirit; I am not my own (1 Corinthians 6:19).
I am the head and not the tail; I am above only and not beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13).
I am the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).
I am His elect, full of mercy, kindness, humility, and longsuffering (Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12).
I am forgiven of all my sins and washed in the Blood (Ephesians 1:7).
I am delivered from the power of darkness and translated into God's kingdom (Colossians 1:13).
I am redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness, and poverty (Deuteronomy 28:15-68; Galatians 3:13).
I am firmly rooted, built up, established in my faith and overflowing with gratitude (Colossians 2:7).
I am called of God to be the voice of His praise (Psalm 66:8; 2 Timothy 1:9).
I am healed by the stripes of Jesus (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24).
I am raised up with Christ and seated in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).
I am greatly loved by God (Romans 1:7; Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12;)