

Stand Down - October 25

Parents: Can you imagine a world where everyone put others first? Where people strived to understand before being understood. It's amazing how Jesus put the whole world before himself when He died on the cross. As followers of Christ we are called to take up our cross, seek the good of others before ourselves, and in whatever we do, do it for God's glory.

Read: [1 Corinthians 10:23-33](#) 23 "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. 24 No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. 25 Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, 26 for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." 27 If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. 28 But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. 29 I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience? If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for? 31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 32 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— 33 even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

Discuss: In verse 24, what do you think it means to not seek your own good, but the good of others? *To put others first. Place yourself in their shoes and see things from their perspective. Pray for them and help them if you can.*

Take a look at the verse, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." How can we glorify God when we're doing such basic things as eating and drinking? *There are so many ways! You can share your food with a sibling, say a prayer of thanks to God for providing the meal, etc.*

Is it really possible to glorify God in everything we do? Yes. How? *The Holy Spirit works within us. We can glorify God when we are cleaning our room, listening to our teacher, or being generous with our friends. Can you think of more ways? Why does God want us to glorify him at all times? God created us and called us to make Him look like what He really is. In that way we are shining our light for God for others to see.*

Key Point: Put Others First

Put Others	(Put your right thumb up and tilt it to the side)
First	(Make the number 1 with your pointer finger)

Family Activity: First, you'll need some scissors and glue. We're going to design art for our fridge to help us remember our memory verse for the day. If you received a craft packet, cut out the cup and the steam squiggles. Paste them to the aqua card stock (remember the magnet is on the back of the page). Add your own artistic touches.

Prayer: Dear God, I praise You for Your love and generosity. You give so much! Forgive me when I think of myself before others. By the power of the Holy Spirit help me love those around me and glorify You in all I do. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

