

# DAY ONE

It can be maddening when we think we're doing everything right, and someone else who messes up gets lots of attention. That's how the older son felt in Jesus' story. He didn't want to show grace to his brother. But we should get excited when anyone turns toward God, because the truth is, all of us are sinners. All of us are like the younger son. And God's grace is for all of us.



**Ask two people to help you do a little acting—maybe parents, siblings, or friends. Go through this script three times, with each of you being a different character each time. Ham it up and have fun!**

**YOUNGER SON:** *(Hold out your arms like you desperately need help.)* "Father, I'm not worthy to be called your son!"

**FATHER:** *(Give the younger son a high-five or fist bump.)* "Welcome home! Let's have a party!"

**OLDER SON:** *(Fold your arms and act mad.)* "I've been doing everything right. Why should HE get a party?"

**What did the father say back to the older son? Open your Bible to Luke 15:31-32 to find out.**

**ASK God to help you be like the father, not the older brother.**

ASK God for the courage to shine and treat others with grace, no matter what happens.

wake up, it'll remind you to treat people with grace.

the table by your bed. Every morning when you

word GRACE on it with a marker, and put it on

Ask your parents for a used light bulb. Write the



God really is.

thing. When you do that, you "shine" brightly so everyone can see how amazing

what they deserve? That's normal. Treating people better than they deserve? That's a God

God's grace is so powerful because it's the opposite of how the world works. Giving people

Find Matthew 5:16.

# DAY FOUR

# DAY TWO

Read 1 Peter 4:10.

You are one of a kind. God has given you unique talents and a unique personality. Maybe you like to shoot hoops, or maybe you can draw great cartoons. Maybe you're easy to talk to, and that's what makes you a good friend. Well, that's part of God's grace—He's given gifts to each of us that are part of who we are. And we should be open-handed and use our gifts to serve others.



**What are some things you're good at? Circle them:**

art sports school singing/raping

cooking listening (to a friend)

encouraging something else:

**Think of ways you use your gifts to reach out to others and show them some love and grace.**

**ASK God to show you ways to use the gifts He's given you.**

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try to show grace to him or her.  
reaching out to. Tell Him how it feels to

TELL God about the friend you're

cream filling. Surprise her with grace!

want to make it right. Be like the ooey-gooey

down and tell her that you're sorry. Tell her you

Sometime this week, write her a note or just sit

you honor her above yourself and show her grace?

right now? Write her name in the box. How could

Do you have a friend you're having a hard time with

Read Romans 12:10.

some kind of out-of-this-world kindness that God shows us.

a surprise every time. We need to surprise others with grace, too. We need to show them the

scared about what He'll think of our sin. But He forgives us, and that's so amazing that it's like

Surprise! God's love is so huge that it's completely unexpected. Since He's perfect, part of us is

# DAY THREE

GRACE

getting something great that you don't deserve