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Lesson 9

Called By God

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

One thing I love about God’s grace is that it turns the world’s “system” on its head: Instead of loving the wise and the powerful most, God makes the littlest and the least “first in line” in His kingdom. He surprises us all with His kindness. Because His way is so different from the world’s way, it can take some getting used to! Sometimes, when I hear an argument about “I was here first!” or “I got it before you did!” I play “first and last” with my kids. I stop them to calmly announce, “It’s first and last time.” Then I give the privilege to the “last” person and do the opposite of what my “first” person expected. If someone hollers I simply say, “Sometimes, the first are last. And the last are first.” Later that same day, I’ll play it again, so that the kid who had been “last” the first time becomes “first.” I explain, **When we play “first and last,” it reminds us that being first or best doesn’t matter with God. He doesn’t love us more because we finish first or are stronger or better. His love and kindness are for us all of the time. And He wants us to show that kind of love and kindness—even to brothers and sisters!**

Try This:

It’s powerful to take time to reminisce about our kids when they were younger. My kids love to listen to our stories of the things they used to do. It reminds them that when they were little, all they could do was to simply receive love. **That’s the kind of attitude Jesus says we all should have. He wants us to be like little children!** Our stories also help them see how they have changed and grown in positive ways to begin to show that love to each other, to us and to the people around them.