Lesson: 23

Caring for God's Creation

Caring

"What's important in life is how we treat each other." —Nana Ivanhoe, 15

One day a large mourning dove flew into a window in our home. He fell in a heap of feathers to the deck and didn't move. Suddenly, another dove swooped down to the fallen bird. The second dove began cooing and swinging her head back and forth. She stayed with the first bird for about twenty minutes, coaxing it. Then the large dove stood up on his feet. The smaller bird's voice changed to a sharp chirp that sounded like scolding. She hopped two feet away and chirped until the big dove finally ruffled his feathers and flew off with his mate. By staying and helping her mate, the second dove seemed to show that she cared about him.



Caring is about how we treat each other. Showing concern, being kind, sharing, helping, and giving are all ways that we show we care. If you share your candy bar with your little brother or help your dad clean up the kitchen, you're showing that you care. If you pick up all the scraps of paper off the floor of your classroom, you're showing your teacher that you care. You show your grandmother you care when you sit on the floor so she can have your chair. You show your neighbours you care when you take their newspaper up to their door or shovel their snow.

Every day there are hundreds of ways you can show you care. One of the nicest things about caring for others is that they're likely to be kind to you in return. "That's not so," you might say. "I let my friend borrow my bike, and she bent the fenders. She didn't even say she was sorry!"

It's true that people won't always treat you in the same caring way you treat them. But over time, you'll find that friends, family, and teachers will usually appreciate your **kind actions** and show kindness back to you. Suppose you threw a beach ball into the ocean. The ball would return to you, no matter how hard or far you threw it. Those waves would keep rolling in, and before you knew it, your beach ball would come bobbing back to shore. **Kind words** and **actions** are like that. You toss them out, and before you know it, someone says or does something to show that he or she cares about you. Caring makes the world a better place for everyone.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1. Explain the meaning of caring. [1]

2. List THREE ways we care. [3]

3. From the passage, give one way to show your teacher that you care. [1]

4a. Do our friends always care about our things? Write yes or no. [1] _____

4b. Give one example from the passage to support your answer. [2]

5. What are TWO things that will come back to you? [2]

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