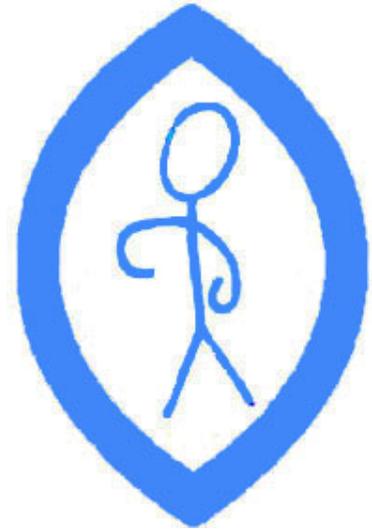


Discovery



Memory Verse: Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! Hebrews 4:15 (Contemporary English Version)

Study Plan: One of the gifts of being human is our feelings. We know that Jesus understands us, our feelings, and our emotions. When He was on earth, He, too, experienced feelings and emotions.

To earn the Discovery badge, you will need to do the following steps:

Step 1: Everybody Has Feelings

Leader's initials _____

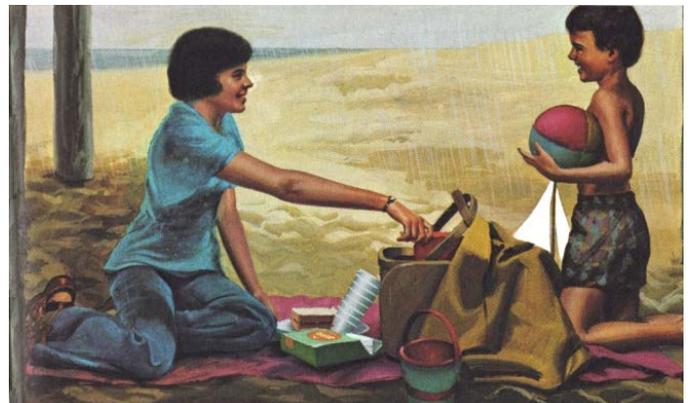


Under the Pier

All week long, Charlie had been coaxing Mother to take him to the seaside. "Just for one little day, Mother," he had said. "Sorry," Mother had replied, "I can't possibly go this week. I've got far too much to do. I'll take you next week. Next Saturday, for sure." "For sure?" Charlie had asked. "For sure," Mother had said.

So Charlie waited another week. But now, with Mother's promise so definite, he got everything ready to go. His bucket and shovel. His little sailing boat. His beach ball. His sandals. Such a lot of things! He put them all in a pile and kept adding to it as he thought of other things to take along.

At last Saturday came. Bright and early Charlie was out of bed. He ran to the window and looked out. It was raining! His heart sank. "What are we going to do?" he wailed as he met Mother in the kitchen. "It *would* have to rain on the only day we can possibly go!" "Why bother about a little rain?" said Mother. "You mean we're going?" "Of course we're going," said Mother. I am sure it will clear up later, and we'll sit under the pier until it does."



Overjoyed, Charlie threw all his precious things into the car, and they started off. It certainly wasn't the best sort of day for a trip to the beach. The sky was dull gray, and everything was dripping wet.

Mother parked the car as near to the pier as she could. Then she and Charlie hurried to take shelter under it as fast as they could go. Mother carried the lunch baskets and Charlie carried his bucket, shovel, sailing boat, beach ball, and all the rest.



Under the pier they found a stretch of dry sand, and Mother made herself comfortable. Charlie took his sailing boat down to the water, which was very calm that morning, probably because of the rain. By and by he came back to Mother and began to dig a big hole in the sand.

Pretty soon Mother said it was time to eat and opened up the two lunch baskets.



She had prepared all sorts of delicious food as an extra special treat for Charlie, and he shouted with delight as he looked them over. While they ate they became aware of two elderly ladies sitting in deck chairs not far away, blankets wrapped tightly around them. They were grumbling to each other in loud voices. "Wretched day!" said one. "Miserable day!" said the other. "Always rains in this place," said the first lady. "I don't know why I ever came here." "Nor do I," said the other. "Horrible place! So cold and wet. Sorry we came."

"Why are they grumbling so?" Charlie asked Mother. "I don't know," said Mother. "Must have got out of bed on the wrong side this morning."

By and by the two ladies got out of their chairs and came over to Mother and Charlie. "We've been watching you two," they said, "and we can't figure out why you can both be so cheerful on such a miserable day as this." "Well," said Mother, smiling, "we made up our minds we would be happy even though it is raining. And we're having a great time, aren't we, Charlie?" "I should say we are!" said Charlie. Then he added, "Why don't you two come over and join us? Then you'd be happy too."



The glum look on the two faces disappeared. Both old ladies actually smiled. "May we?" they asked. "Of course you may," said Mother. So they dragged their deck

chairs over to where Mother and Charlie were sitting, and Mother offered them some of her lunch. Soon they were all chatting away, happy as could be.

"Well, did you ever!" said one of the old ladies. "Look, the sun is shining!" "So it is!" said Mother. But it didn't mean quite so much to her and Charlie, for it had been shining in their hearts all the time.

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How did Charlie feel when he saw that it was raining on the day of the beach trip? _____

What was different about Mother and Charlie and the two ladies?

How were Mother and Charlie able to be happy even though it was raining? _____

How did Mother and Charlie help the two ladies? _____

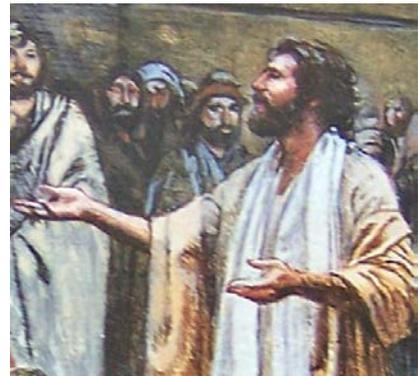
Step 2: Jesus had feelings Leader's initials _____



All of us have feelings. Some of our emotions feel good, feelings like love, pleasure, caring, and happiness. We may show these with smiles, hugs, gifts, kind words, or in other ways.

Some other emotions feel bad, feelings like sadness, anger, hurt, and fear. We may show these with tears, sad faces, and words expressing our feelings. When we show our feelings, we need to be careful not to do it in ways that would hurt other people, like hitting or unkind words.

Jesus understands us and our feelings. When Jesus was on earth, he experienced feelings and emotions.





What do you do when you feel happy?
angry?
afraid?
loving?

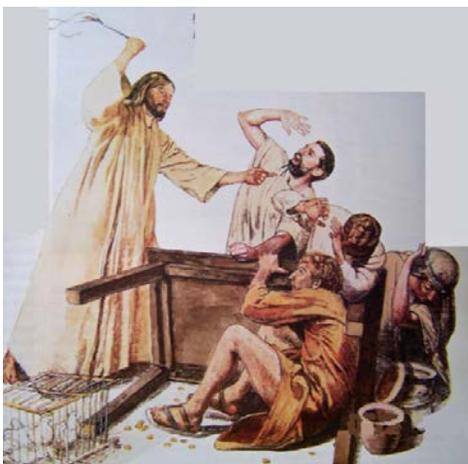
Read each of the following passages from the Bible. Talk with your group about the questions after each passage.



1. When they reached a place called Gethsemane, he said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And He took Peter and James and John with Him. Horror and anguish overwhelmed Him, and He said to them, "My heart is ready to break with grief; stop here, and stay awake." Then He went on a little farther, threw Himself on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, this hour might pass Him by. "Abba, Father," He said, "all things are possible to you; take this cup from Me. Yet not my will but yours." *Mark 14:32-36*

This takes place just before Jesus is arrested, tried, and crucified.

- ? How do you think Jesus felt? _____
- ? What did He do? _____
- ? What do you do when you are upset? _____



2. The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple He found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, He drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making My Father's house a marketplace!" *John 2:13-16*

- ? How did Jesus feel when he saw the people selling things in the Temple?

- ? What did he do? _____
- ? What do you do when you feel angry? _____
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3. As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Mark 10:17-22

- ? What were Jesus' feelings about this young man? _____
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- ? How do you know your parents always love you? _____
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Do 2 of the following:

- ❖ Pick a feeling and act it out. The rest of your GFS group can guess what feeling you are acting out.
- ❖ Cut out or draw pictures showing different emotions. Label them and put them in your notebook.
- ❖ This week, think about a way you can show your love for your family. Do this, and at your next GFS meeting, talk with the group about it. What did you do? How did your family react?
- ❖ Make faces showing different feelings. Take photos and put them in your notebook.

Color this badge for your notebook.

