

Week 24—Modeling

Read

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, age 5 and Ryan, age 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.’” Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus.”¹

Reflect

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you. (1 Peter 2:9 Msg.)

Respond

A preschooler was getting in the car after church when she spotted her teacher walking across the parking lot.

“Look, mom,” she said excitedly. “There goes Jesus!”²

Leading children is an incredible privilege as you represent to them what Jesus is like. What character trait does the Lord want you to work on this week to help you be more like Him?

Write your thoughts here:

Prayer Requests for yourself, your students, and others with whom you serve in ministry:

Remember

You have been chosen for God's work serving in children's ministry. Be Jesus this week!

"I will model Jesus this week to the students in my class by...

(fill in the answer below).

¹ *A Children's Leader Devotion*, (Lake Forest, CA: Saddleback Church), Week 12.

² Craig Jutilla, Saddleback Children's Conference, April 2004.