



God's People Show Hospitality to One Another

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus commands His people to show hospitality to one another.
- Hospitality is to be done joyfully.

MEMORY WORK

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.—1 Peter 4:9

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.—Romans 15:7

SCRIPTURE FOR THE LESSON

1) 1 Peter 4:9

2) Romans 15:7

3) Titus 1:7-8

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Review and talk about the Scriptures listed above. Five aspects of Christian hospitality were discussed in the lesson: 1) joyfully welcoming others; 2) opening your home; 3) sharing your provisions; 4) giving your time and attention; and 5) being an encouragement as you are gathered together. Talk about ways your family has received and also shown hospitality to other Christians. Next, pose the following: *Suppose we invited a new family at church over for lunch after the worship service. They have three small children who are getting into everything—even some of your things. How can you demonstrate hospitality in this situation? Are there parts of hospitality that are sometimes difficult for you? [e.g., meeting new people, sharing your home or toys, having to clean the house, etc.] How can you overcome these hindrances? What could you do this week to grow in this area?*

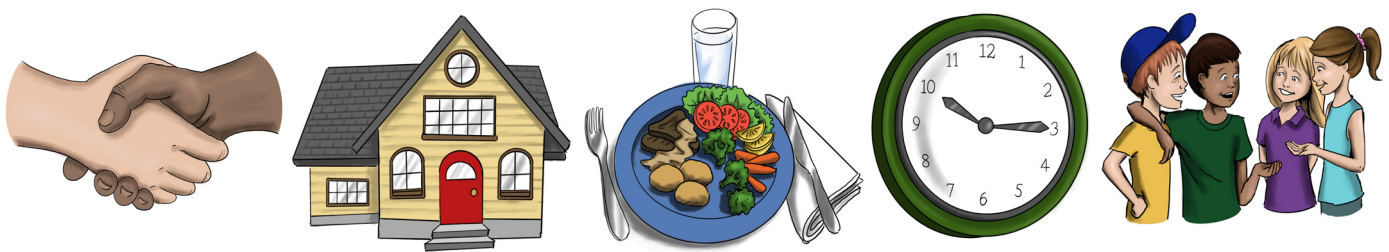
Pastor John Piper talks about Christians needing to turn on their “Post-Worship Hospitality Radar,” or “PWHR.”⁶ *What do you think he means by this?* Explain that he is talking about the time after the weekly worship service on Sundays. Members of Jesus’ church should be looking for people in need of hospitality—a visitor, someone who seems unhappy, someone who looks lonely, etc. *How could you have a “Post-Sunday School Hospitality Radar?” What might this look like?*

ACTIVITY

Think about ways in which other Christians have shown you or your family hospitality. In the box on the next page, describe what happened. Next, with your parents’ help, make a plan to show hospitality in the next week or two.

6 See: desiringgod.org/messages/strategic-hospitality?

Describe a time when you or your family were shown hospitality by other Christians.



Make a plan for showing hospitality.

- 1. Who will be involved?**
- 2. When will it happen?**
- 3. Where will it happen?**
- 4. What do you plan to do?**