THR!VE

The Echoing Voice

Key Activities

This week was a special THR!VE event as the Boys and Girls Club joined us to ring in the Christmas season with a bang. With Christmas right around the corner we had a friendly gingerbread house competition. The students had under an hour to design, build, and decorate their own gingerbread homes. Each will be on display on Dec 10th during ATLAS' Winter Wonderland where voting will take place. To begin the evening, students learned about empathy while using the story in Luke 10:25-37 about the Good Samaritan. We discussed many ways each person could have empathy for their neighbor during this holiday season. It's very Important to remember the reason for the season. Jesus was the ultimate example of empathy. He not only instructed us on how to live our lives, but he took on flesh and bones and walked among the people. He not only became the living word, but he also healed, taught, and role modeled how to pursue God, and most importantly he sacrificed himself to save the people who believe in Him.

Key Scripture

Luke 10:36-37

36 **"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"**
37 **The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."**

This year's Theme

ROMANS 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality…

Key Discussion Questions

Follow up Discussion (ask your student)

- What is the difference between SYMPATHY and EMPATHY?

- Which one of those did Jesus display through his life?
  - How did he show it?
- What is one way you can grow in displaying empathy?
  - Is there any person we can show more empathy toward?

Daily Follow up (ask your student)

- Did you see a chance to show empathy today? Did you choose empathy?
  - What happened?

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