

Faith Talk

I Serve Selflessly Outside of Bellevue

"Love...your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

Things you'll need:

- Water and oil
- Various colors of food coloring
- Tall, clear jar and a smaller cup
- Fork

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Who is my neighbor? Make a list of 30 people you could consider your "neighbor." Hint—they don't have to live near your home. (i.e. your dentist, a Life Group teacher, a fireman, grocery store clerk, etc.) We don't have to know someone very well for them to be our neighbor. We don't even have to know their name!

Very often, the first step in loving our neighbor is to show genuine kindness. Help a shopper who has dropped her bags. Hold the door open for a family. Pick up trash while walking through a building or around the block. Return a shopping cart to the corral to minimize the risk of damage to vehicles.

We can Love People through practical selfless service. Read John 15:19 and John 17:15-18. These verses challenge us to impact our world rather than allowing the world to impact us.



HomePoint
Building Faith at Home

You might be asking, “How can we find a balance between our kids’ interactions with ‘strangers’ versus ‘neighbors’?” As you engage a shopper in the grocery store, encourage your kids to participate. Through your ongoing example you will demonstrate a healthy balance of interacting with both strangers and neighbors.

Although Jesus tells us to live separate from the world, it does not mean we are to run and hide! On the contrary, Jesus is the Light of the world, and He calls us to shine His light in darkness.

Use this experiment as a visible parallel. Your kids will see that oil and water do not mix. Oil and water can be near each other, but each will keep its own identity.

1. Fill the jar with warm water.
2. Put 2 Tablespoons of oil in the cup and add a few drops of color.
3. Stir with the fork to break the drops into smaller droplets.
4. Pour the oil mixture slowly into the jar of water and watch.

For a video of the experiment, view this Faith Talk at bellevue.org/homepoint.

When we serve our neighbors, we share Jesus’ love. Just as the droplets of color entered the water, they, too, spread out and made a difference. 2 Corinthians 2:15 says that Christians can leave the fragrance of Jesus Christ with others.

Brainstorm 10 ways your family can practically serve neighbors. Keep a list of services—big and small—that your family accomplishes this week and celebrate them! Continue to look for and take advantage of service opportunities and plan to participate in the next Bellevue Love Memphis event.