

# MAY SCRIPTURE & SPOTLIGHT

## RESPECT / RESPONSIBILITY

Philippians 2:3-4; 12-15 \*

<sup>3</sup> When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble and give more honour to others than to yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.

<sup>12</sup> Keep doing what is right—even when no one is watching. Take your choices seriously and keep trying to grow. <sup>13</sup> Yes, God is working in you to help you want to do what pleases Him. Then He gives you the power to do it.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining or arguing.

<sup>15</sup> Then your lives will be clean and full of good choices. You will shine like stars in a world that needs kindness and light.

### **AFFIRMATION:**

**Today's a new day! I leave yesterday in the past.  
I am ready for challenges and victories even after  
making mistakes. Together, we are better.  
Our teamwork makes the dream work.  
We collaborate. We communicate.  
We build each other up. We celebrate. We cooperate.  
We learn from our mistakes. We are growing with grit  
and grace. We're ready to take on today!**

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*\*Verses 12-15 were adapted for Young Readers*

# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Like the book of Romans, Philippians was written by the Apostle Paul. This time he was writing to the believers in Philippi, Greece. This chapter instructs and encourages us how to live based on what Christ did for us.

Thinking back to last month, what are some similarities—ideas/themes—that you notice? Why do you think the Apostle Paul kept emphasizing/reminding believers around the world of these things?

Look at verse 3. What do you think it looks/sounds like to let selfishness be your guide? What happens? How does it affect those around you?

What do you think is the difference between pride and confidence? How does knowing God takes care of you change how you take on challenges? Do you have anything to prove when you know that God's got you? How can you take responsibility for doing your best, knowing He is helping you?

What does it look/sound like to "give more honour to others"? Why does this feel hard sometimes? How can we celebrate others without comparing/competing?

Look at verse 4. Why do you think Apostle Paul thought this was important to share? How can this help us be bucket-fillers? What kind of questions can we ask others?

Verse 12 encourages us to keep doing what's right—even when no one is watching. What are some ways we can keep doing what's right in our school and with our friends? What challenges might we face?

Verse 13 tells us that God not only helps us but gives us the power to do what pleases Him. What do you think pleases Him? What do you need power/help to overcome today?

How does complaining or arguing get in the way of a good day? What's the difference between resolving conflict and arguing? What's the difference between complaining and problem solving? How can you work to resolve conflict today? How can you work to solve problems with classmates/friends?

How do these verses help us to better understand what it means to be respectful and responsible? What's your evidence?

Verse 15 says that we can "shine like stars" in a world that needs kindness and light. How can you be a light to others today? What are some simple ways to make someone else's day better?