



SAMPLE DEVOTION

Devotion 1:

Listen to the Song: *If You Could Walk in My Shoes*

Discussion:

In the song *If You Could Walk in My Shoes*, Penny tells Finn how she feels about her life. He is a stranger to her, but he has watched as the other kids teased her about her shoes. He saw that she didn't get on the school bus. Then he sat down next to her to ask "How come you didn't you get on that bus?"

- Many others walked past Penny. Why do you think Finn started a conversation with Penny?
- If you were in Finn's place, do you think you would have talked to her?

Scripture: Luke 7: 11-16.

Summary: Jesus and his disciples approach the town of Nain and encounter a funeral procession. A young man has died and his mother is grieving. "When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Jesus then touched the bier (platform) the son's body was being carried on and raised the young man to life.

- What do you think prompted Jesus to stop and become involved instead of walking past?
- When you see someone crying, what do you think you should do? What do you think Jesus would want you to do?

Summary:

We can't perform miracles like Jesus, but we can become involved when we see another person hurting. Some people may want help, others may not; however, we can ask how we can help.

- In what ways does Finn help Penny?
- Can you think of a time when you helped someone who felt hurt?

Action: Think of someone who might be sad or hurting right now (someone who is sick, grieving the loss of someone they love, going through a stressful situation) and write them a letter of encouragement. Tell them that you care and remind them that God loves them!