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Good Deeds

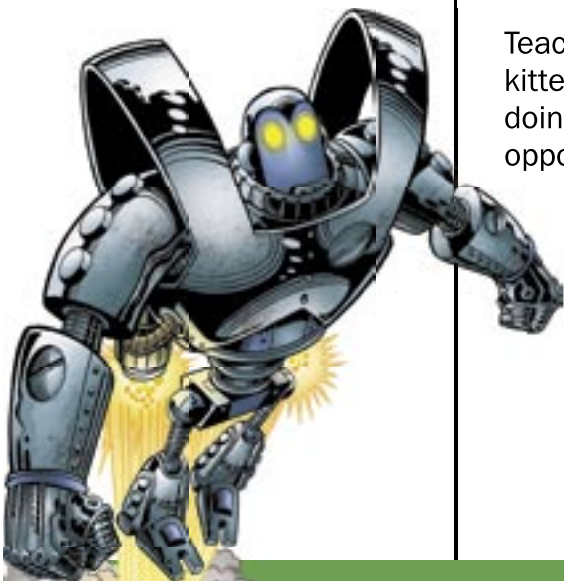
The value of a good deed is never under-rated. Help kids understand that they can do things for others now. They don't have to wait until they're adults (or even teenagers!) before ministering to others. They're useful to the kingdom of God now!

Doing good for others is a great (and often easy) way to tangibly show God's love to other people. And this can start at home! Just think how great it would be for a child to clean his room without being asked. Or clear the table after dinner and wash the dishes. Or make a card to give to an elderly neighbor.

These acts of kindness can open kids to opportunities to share Jesus with others. It may also give them opportunity to discover a skill they never knew they had. They may even gain a new friend from it!

They won't always want to do the good deed. But help them recognize it's not about what they get out of it. When we do good deeds, the focus is on the other person—the one we're helping. It's an opportunity to be selfless. It's an opportunity to be more like Christ.

Teach kids they don't have to wait for the big moments (rescuing a kitten from a tree, for example), but by paying a little more attention and doing things for others (even when they'd rather not), they have great opportunities to spread God's love.



Holsom Comics Discussion Questions

1. Name some good deeds done in this issue. (*Mouse and Jorge let Wendy join them, Noah carries the girls' books, Lucy helps Noah and Shelby repair their friendship, Jordan helps Tabby with her history homework, etc.*)
2. In a previous issue, JD Raye helps out the townspeople by giving each person \$2,000. Although this appears to be a good deed (on the surface), why is it really not? (*JD has ulterior motives; he's using the gifts as a means toward personal gain, etc.*)
3. What is something you can do this week to help someone else? (*Answers will vary.*) Will you commit to doing it? (*Answer may vary.*)
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:17, 18. What does it mean to you? How does this affect the way you view doing things for others?



I Can!

Before class: Get together with the leader of your church's senior adults group (if you have one), and find out how many are in the group.

You will need:

Colored construction paper

Markers

Stickers (optional)

Your class is going to make greeting cards for the senior citizens in your church. These can be a thank you card, a "thinking of you" card, or anything else you can come up with. Give the kids a couple of different options of sayings for their cards, and let the kids decorate their cards however they want.

Suggestions: Thinking of you ... and hoping your day is blessed!
Thank you ... for being a faithful example to our church.
Rejoice! ... Today is given to you by the Lord. May it be filled with joy and peace.

