Let's Live Like This

Surprised and overjoyed!

It was Sunday and when I woke up I asked Jesus to enlighten me on how to love throughout that day. Then I realized that my parents had gone to Mass and that there was no one at home, so I got the idea of tidying up the house and cleaning it. I tried to take care of every detail, even putting flowers on the table in the living room!

I finished quickly and I still had some time, so I started to prepare breakfast, setting the table nicely. When my parents got home, they were surprised and very happy at what they found! That Sunday we were all so full of joy, as never before, and while we had breakfast, we chatted about so many things and I shared with them many experiences that I had lived during the week.

That small act of love had given a beautiful "tone" to the whole day!

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TO PUT MYSELF IN THE OTHER PERSON'S SHOES

«Love your neighbor as yourself. » (Mark 12:31)

That sounds to me like it's hard to do! When did Jesus say this?

He was answering a question of a scribe - a scholar of the Bible - who asked him, **"What is the greatest commandment?"**

And what did Jesus say?

That the whole law of God and all his commandments could be summed up in one: **love God and love your neighbor as yourself.**

But this is a huge challenge!

That's true, it may sound hard to do, but just think: how do *you* want to be loved?

Do you like it if someone spends time listening to you, or helping you with your homework or playing with you?

Of course! But not many people do that!

Maybe the other person wants the same thing! We have to be attentive, listen, put ourselves in their shoes, think of what *they* would like.

That's the "Golden Rule!"

Yes, if everyone lived like this, wars would end, bad behavior would stop, and we would live like brothers and sisters in one big family all over the earth.

In my school...
I try to put myself in the other person's shoes and act accordingly.

Color a SHOE every time I tried to help others ...