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he gave the power to become  
children of God» (John 1:12)

The wonderful, good news that Jesus  
announced and gave to humanity :  
we can become

**CHILDREN OF GOD.**

**This is GREAT NEWS that we  
need to welcome TODAY too.**

But what does it mean  
to be CHILDREN OF GOD?

It's enough to look at  
Jesus and his relationship  
with his Father.

He showed it to us by teaching  
us to say, **"Our Father..."**

**For Jesus, the Father was  
"Abba", which means "Daddy,"  
someone he turned to with  
infinite trust and limitless love.**

We grow as children of God by  
doing his will, day by day, and his  
will is summed up in the  
commandment to love – love God  
and love our neighbors.

**During this month in which we  
celebrate Jesus' birth on earth,  
let's try to welcome one another,  
and recognize and serve Jesus in  
all those we meet.**

Chiara

## Meeting many friends...

“When we met for the first time with some  
young people of the immigrant community,  
we were not too sure of what to say and so  
we all stayed in our own group.

**I was hoping that someone else would take  
the first step and then I could follow along,  
without making much effort!**

But probably everyone was thinking  
the same thing and so no one made a  
move!

I remembered the Golden Rule and so I  
decided to overcome my shyness and go  
and sit with some of the girls.

**I introduced myself and thanked them  
for coming, and once this first barrier  
had been overcome, we got to be friends  
right away.**

**It wasn't easy to go out of my  
comfort zone, but it was worth  
it! I felt so happy!**

And now I have a motto that I keep in  
my heart: **"Every foreigner is a  
friend that I haven't met yet!"**

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Write down the prayer that Jesus taught us to say

Our Father,

My commitment:

underline:

The SENTENCES you like the most;

The WORDS that are hard for you to understand;

When you say this prayer, what do you think of?