



«The BIGGEST SURPRISE of all!»

This year it was really hard to build relationships with my classmates.

They made fun of me and left me alone because I think, speak and act differently than them.

It was a continuous challenge to keep loving and going out towards them, trying to be the first to love.

One day, even a friend who I always tried to help with her work stopped talking to me.

In my heart I said, **“Jesus, give me the strength to keep listening to her and seeing her with new eyes.”**

The next day she didn't even answer when I said hello, but then at our recess break, she came over and gave me a hug, saying she was sorry.

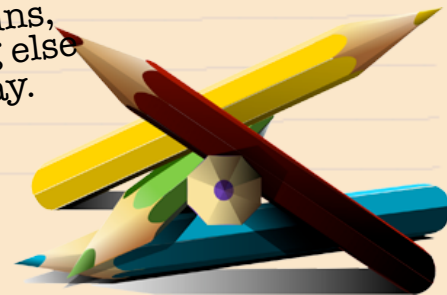
In that moment I experienced that the only true weapon we can use is Love.

But that wasn't the end of it. The biggest surprise of all was at the end of the year, when we were all saying goodbye to each other, the whole class came up to me and said:

“Lin, stay just like you are! You're on the right path.”

This was just one more confirmation for me that only the Ideal remains, everything else passes away.

**Lin
(Jordan)**



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«But at your command 2012
I will lower the nets»

(Lk 5:5).

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When Jesus had finished teaching, he sat down in Simon Peter's boat and told Peter and his companions to put out into deep water and lower their nets for a catch. Peter explained that they had worked hard all night and had caught nothing. And yet he said,

«But at your command I will lower the nets»

Peter was an experienced fisherman and after an unproductive night, he could have rejected Jesus' invitation to **cast the nets in broad daylight**, the least favorable time to catch fish.



Instead he went beyond his own reasoning and put his faith in Jesus.

This is a typical situation that we too can face.

In fact our faith can be put to the test in a thousand different ways.

That's why to follow Jesus requires determination, commitment and perseverance.

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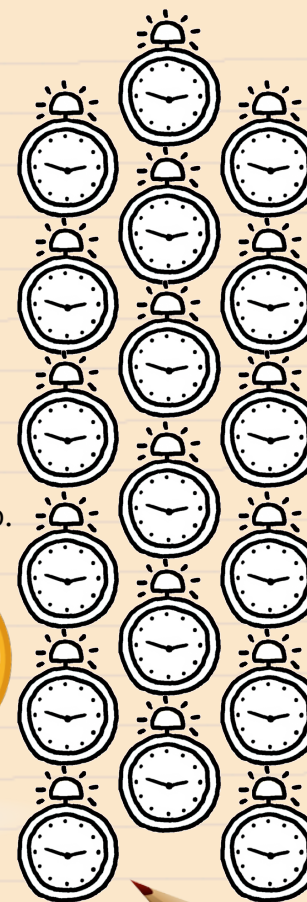
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This month let's practice living his word in a place where we can really make a difference:
at school.

The school BELL will remind us to LIVE the Word of Life and will help us START OVER AGAIN every time we stop.



HOURLY by **HOURLY** we will see that we are not alone in living like this, because the bell is ringing all over the world!



Color in the CLOCKS every time the SCHOOL BELL reminds you to live the WORD OF LIFE

In Action...

