

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT I SAY TO
YOU.

— MATTHEW 5:34 —

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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Mass and Confession Times**REGULAR WEEKEND MASS TIMES****Assumption** - Saturday - 4:00 p.m. (*First Saturday of the Month - Additional Mass at 8:30 a.m.), Sunday - 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**Sacred Heart, Kinsman** - Sunday - 9:00 a.m.**REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS TIMES****Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. (*First Tuesday of the Month Mass is followed by St. Peregrine Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.)
Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.**Sacred Heart, Kinsman** - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m.**ROSARY****Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m., Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.**CONFESSION TIMES (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)****Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m., Saturday - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., First Sat. Only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.**Sacred Heart, Kinsman** - Wednesday - After 8:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday - After 9:00 a.m. Mass.**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel****Assumption** - The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**Sacraments****ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the parish office.

BAPTISMS

Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the baptism. Please contact the parish secretary to register.

Assumption - Baptisms are ordinarily scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month after 11:30 a.m. Mass.**FUNERALS**

Funeral liturgies are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 a.m. The funeral director will contact the parish office regarding arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Marriage preparation classes are required to be completed before the Sacrament of Marriage can be celebrated. Please contact the parish office before making wedding arrangements.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY February 14	
4:00 PM Mass (A)	† Betty Watson (<i>John & Teri Jo Boylan</i>) † Dolores Hertenstein (<i>Hamilton Family</i>) † Megan Riley (<i>Riley Family</i>) † John Manietta (<i>Family</i>)
SUNDAY February 15 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM Mass (A)	People of the Parish † Norman Lardi (<i>Michael Yerkes</i>) † Juan Fehr (<i>Noma</i>) † Russ Leman (<i>Noma</i>)
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	† Pat Bartman (<i>Pam & Jack Dunn</i>)
11:30 AM Mass (A)	† Melinda & Jaxson Cullen (<i>Teresa & Robert Cortez</i>) † Helen Dryer (<i>Tom & Nita Glover Family</i>) † Paul & Mildred Hook (<i>Family</i>)
TUESDAY February 17	
6:30 PM Mass (A)	† Theresa C. O'Connor (<i>Kathie Simons</i>)
WEDNESDAY February 18 Ash Wednesday	
8:30 AM Mass (SH)	† James Walsh (<i>Family</i>)
12:00 PM Mass (A)	† Louise Martin (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)
6:30 PM Mass (A)	† Shirley Boero (<i>Family</i>)
THURSDAY February 19	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	† Shirley Boero (<i>Joe & Lynda Youskevitch</i>)
FRIDAY February 20	
8:30 AM Mass (A)	† Dolores Hertenstein (<i>John & Teri Jo Boylan</i>)
SATURDAY February 21	
4:00 PM Mass (A)	People of the Parish Special Intention for Good Health of Cindi Meyer Brandeis (<i>Larry & Donna</i>) † Ken Cromer (<i>Family</i>)
SUNDAY February 22 First Sunday of Lent	
7:30 AM Mass (A)	† Gene Bianchetta (<i>Noma</i>) † Betty Onsen (<i>Peter & Carm Collins</i>)
9:00 AM Mass (SH)	† Loisanne O'Connell (<i>Pam & Dave Brockman</i>)
11:30 AM Mass (A)	† Gwendolyn Vacca (<i>Mark & Roseanne Matteson</i>) † Mildred L. Lestina (<i>Lestina Family</i>) † Sherman Hamerla (<i>Ray & Ruth Dillon</i>)

Weekly Confession Times

TUESDAY (A) - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (SH) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
THURSDAY & FRIDAY (A) - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.
SATURDAY (A) - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (First Saturday only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.)
SUNDAY (SH) - Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)



This Week's Events

A: Assumption	SH: Sacred Heart
Sunday, February 15	
Bethlehem Nativity Products Display @ Assumption - Narthex 9:45 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall 12:30 pm - Baptisms - Assumption Church 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room	
Monday, February 16 Presidents' Day/Parish Office Closed	
No Events	
Tuesday, February 17	
No Events	
Wednesday, February 18	
6:15 pm - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall	
Thursday, February 19	
9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288	
Friday, February 20	
6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Assumption Church	
Saturday, February 21	
No Events	
Sunday, February 22	
6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room	



Please pray for those serving our country:

Sebastian Gasienica, Rhys Lyman,
Brady O'Donnell, Zander Posey, Logan Teodoro

Please pray for the sick:

Nancy Armstrong & Family, Sharee Beeler, Paula Beshoar,
Cindi Meyer Brandeis, Stacey Brown, Tom Buban, Ryan Collins,
Jan Dunn, Kay & Mark Francisco, Mary Jo Maland, Gloria Markl,
Donna Meyer, Frank & Jean Peters, Larry Ried, Cecelia Schimandle,
Steve Stork, Helen Talty, Cary Teska, Glenn VanDrie, Steve Varsolona,
Jake Veronda, Liz Veronda

Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. If you would like your name to remain on the list, please contact us.

**Publications for Lent Now Available
in Assumption's Narthex**

- **The Little Black Book** - Suggested \$1 free will offering per copy
- **The Word Among Us** - Complimentary



Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 18

8:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart/Kinsman

12:00 p.m. - Assumption

6:30 p.m. - Assumption

LENTE DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Ash Wednesday Reflection

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him.

The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though all of us came from dust and to dust we will return, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state. The only thing we can take with us? Our hearts and whether or not we loved.

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Bethlehem Nativity Products will be visiting the parish on behalf of St. Catherine Catholic Parish of Bethlehem and the Christian families in Bethlehem (Holy Land). For centuries, the Christian and Catholics in Bethlehem have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Nowadays there are no tourists or pilgrimage groups visiting the Holy Land because of the war, making it difficult for Catholic artisans to support their families by the dignified work of Christ's birth.

During our visit to your parish, we will have hand carved religious items; please consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land to support your fellow Catholics who choose to stay and protect the Holy sites where Jesus himself lived. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Catholic families. Please support this noble cause.

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Dennis E. Spies

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Deacon Tony Clishem, Ed.D.

*What is spiritual direction?
How do I find a spiritual director?
Do I hear a call to be a trained spiritual director?*

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WHO: Persons of Faith interested in . . .

- Learning about spiritual direction
- Finding a spiritual director.
- Becoming a spiritual director.

WHEN: Wed., March 4, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church (Fireplace Room)
306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale

HOW: Enter glass doors next to main church entrance.
Limited space. Register by March 1 here:
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/9UNQN3AF3W](https://forms.office.com/R/9UNQN3AF3W)

PRESENTED BY: Deacon Tony Clishem, Ed.D Catechetical Lead, Diocese of Joliet
WITH: Spiritual direction panel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 815-221-6142 OR EMAIL
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

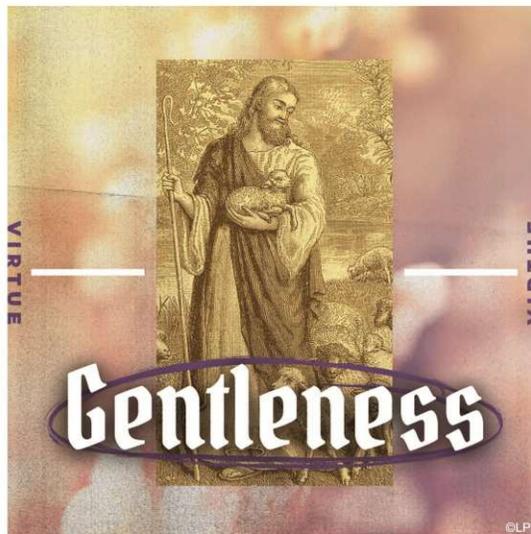
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

Observances for the week of February 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Saturday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who "reveals to men who Jesus is" (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death

Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father,
Ignite us with Your love.
Reveal to us Your will,
guide us in Your path.
Pour Your blessings upon us,
You who are the giver of every
good thing.
Help us to live, work, act, and
speak
in ways that bring honor and
glory to You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

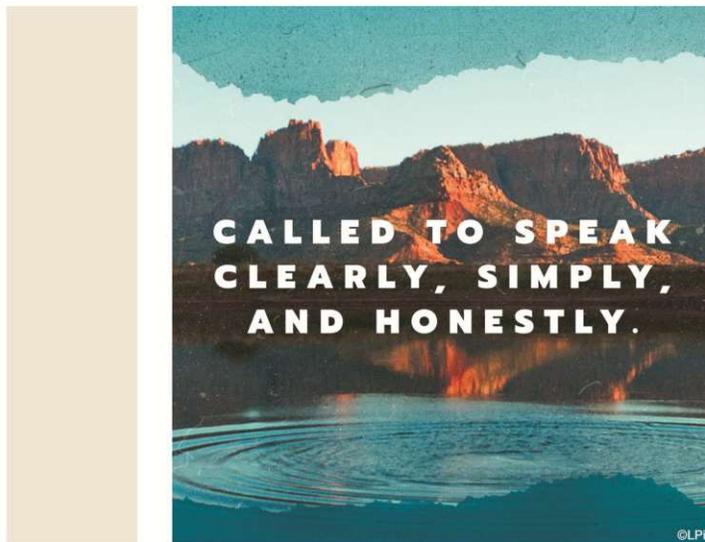
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, **"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37).** He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait

The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s?

Answer:

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with *embryonic* stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.



Ministry Schedule

February 20 -22



Friday, February 20 - Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m.
 Server - John Boylan

Saturday, February 21 - 4:00 p.m.
 Extraordinary Minister - **Two volunteers needed**
 Lector - **Volunteer needed**
 Servers - **Volunteers needed**
 Ushers - Ron Henke, Bob Jacovec, Doug Letterly, Bob Schmitt, Fran Schmitt

Sunday, February 22 - 7:30 a.m.
 Extraordinary Ministers - Therese Bouvier, **alternate needed**
 Lector - Jaiden Leman
 Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Ken Bonomo

Sunday, February 22 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)
 Extraordinary Minister - Pam Siedentop
 Lector - Ed Condon
 Servers - Emma McDonald & Jack Veselak

Sunday, February 22 - 11:30 a.m.
 Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**
 Lector - **Volunteer needed**
 Servers - **Volunteers needed**

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving	
Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$200,704
YTD Actual Offering	\$245,868
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$5,574
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,298
Last Week's Total Offering	\$6,872
Weekly Goal	\$6,272

Assumption Church Building Loan Balance through January, 2026	
Loan Amount	\$620,123
Current Loan Balance	\$585,215

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering	
1/25/26 Sunday Collection	\$868
2/1/26 Sunday Collection	\$1,547



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Bishop Dennis E. Spies Appointed Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet

Joliet, Illinois — [February 6, 2026] — The Diocese of Joliet announces that Bishop Dennis E. Spies has been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, effective immediately. Bishop Spies assumes this role in accordance with the norms of the Catholic Church, ensuring continuity of leadership and pastoral care for the nearly half-million Catholics across the seven counties of the diocese.

Bishop Spies, who has been serving as Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet and Titular Bishop of Cenculiana, brings more than two decades of pastoral, administrative, and formational experience to this responsibility. Ordained to the priesthood in 2002, he has served the Diocese of Joliet as pastor, seminary formator, and most recently as Vicar for Clergy, a role in which he has been widely recognized for his pastoral sensitivity, collaborative leadership style, and deep commitment to the well-being of priests and parish communities.

"I am humbled by the trust placed in me and remain committed to serving the people of God in the Diocese of Joliet with faith, integrity, and hope," Bishop Spies said. "Together, we will continue to proclaim the Gospel, strengthen our parishes, and accompany one another as disciples of Jesus Christ."

As Administrator, Bishop Spies will oversee the day-to-day governance of the diocese until the appointment of a new diocesan bishop. His responsibilities include supporting diocesan ministries, guiding clergy, and ensuring the smooth functioning of pastoral and administrative operations.

Born in Clifton, Illinois, Bishop Spies earned his undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale before completing seminary studies at Mundelein Seminary. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet by Pope Francis in 2024 and ordained later that year at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

The Diocese of Joliet asks the faithful to join in prayer for Bishop Spies as he undertakes this important new role in service to the Church.

Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is commitment weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a powerful way to put our faith into action. Please see the 2026 CMAA Opening Report in today's bulletin.

This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! When we care for those in need, we answer this call. Our parish joins with other parishes to serve the vulnerable, grow children in faith, and strengthen vocations. We cannot foster these ministries alone. This is a diocese-wide effort. We receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift and help our parish reach \$34,200. Complete and return a pledge envelope in church today. Thank you for your support!

In your charity, prayers and Mass offerings, please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Charlotte Ann (Trofimchuck) Curtis

(Mother of Michael, Daniel, Catherine, Mark, and Matthew)



Kids Corner

Prayer

God, help me to follow your rules with my whole heart.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

OBEY	ANGRY	PROMISE
BETTER	FAITHFUL	KEEP
MURDER	THOUGHTS	SWEAR

Y	T	O	B	U	O	M	E	U	Y	S
A	G	L	S	W	E	A	R	O	T	I
B	R	E	H	T	I	N	Y	E	H	A
C	I	F	O	R	A	G	E	Y	O	M
E	S	A	T	I	B	R	O	T	U	A
O	D	I	S	K	O	Y	I	E	G	C
B	E	T	T	E	R	M	U	N	H	D
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A	C	U	H	I	S	E	F	O	L	U
W	Y	L	A	N	M	U	R	D	E	R

Sharing the Gospel

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love him, you will want to follow his rules. You will trust him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.

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