

SESSION 5

Making a Difference Everyday



VERSE: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. ”

1 Timothy 4:12 NIV

READY: *Materials needed:*

- Vincent’s story (see below)
- Circle map of kindness
- Pens, pencils, crayons

SET: *Leader should read and be familiar with Vincent’s story before starting.*

GO: **Welcome back to the TWC detective club. Who remembers the clue we gathered in our notebook from last time?** Leader can read or have a student read the clue from last time. **Today we are going to hear about a Zoe child named Vincent.**

Vincent takes care of his younger brothers and sisters and is a respected leader in his Zoe Empowers Working Group. He helped his group be prepared to care for their families by starting a large farm where they could grow beans and rice to eat and to sell. Vincent knows what it is like to be hungry and not have enough money to buy the things his family needs. Life used to be hard, but now he is excited about the future. Zoe Empowers friends showed Vincent how to be prepared through farming and make a plan for earning money. Today Vincent and his family grow their own food to eat. They have the animals that they need and they work together to take care of everything. Vincent also runs his own bakery business. The money he earns helps him buy what he needs for his brothers and sisters and save money for future needs as well. Being prepared to care for his family makes Vincent happy. Sharing God’s love with those who need support brings Vincent lots of joy too. Five friends in his village were poor and unprepared to take care of themselves. They had no one to show them how to start a business, so Vincent invited each of them to work with him at his bakery. With Vincent’s support they began to make money of their own and through Vincent’s teaching they started businesses of their own. Sharing God’s love by helping children be prepared for all that the future has waiting for them is what Zoe Empowers is all about.

Vincent has found ways to share God’s love with others. What are some things that you and your family could do at home to show God’s love? How about at school? What about in your community? What about in the world? Now let us use this circle map to think of all the ways you can take the love of Christ out into the world through acts of kindness at home, school, community and world. Allow children time to brainstorm and write. Younger children may need assistance writing out their ideas.

- Leader now read the following clue to the group and have them record it in their detective notebook

Clue: Through Zoe Empowers, children become empowered which means they are stronger, more confident, and in control of their lives. As older siblings make an income through running businesses and farming, children eat better and their siblings are able to return to school. Health and education are keys to moving them out of poverty. Once Zoe kids complete the Zoe model they are empowered and never need charity again.

Keyword: Zoe

Prayer: Dear Lord help us as we work to do kind things in our homes, schools, communities, and world. Amen.

WORLD

COMMUNITY

SCHOOL

HOME

GOD

