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Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.”

ISAIAH 6:8 NLT

Can I tell you a secret? I melt my ice cream in the microwave. Shhhh! Don't tell anybody! And when I am trying to eat a bowl of melted cookie dough ice cream, I'm really grateful for spoons!

I'm also really grateful for water when I'm hot and thirsty. I'm grateful for a pillow when I'm sleepy, and I'm grateful for coats when I'm cold!

In other words, I'm really grateful to have the things I need.

Have you ever seen someone in need of something you could easily give to them? Maybe a friend needed to borrow a pencil in the middle of a science test. Or a younger sibling needed you to reach something on a high shelf. Or your mom needed help making dinner. It's always nice to be available to do something for someone else.

It seems simple to give, doesn't it? But it doesn't always happen. As God's children, sometimes we see people in

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need of His love and forgiveness, but we don't help them. How sad! There are people everywhere in need of God's love, and instead of watching them struggle, God wants to use us to give them what they need.

Every day, God wants you to be available and to live in a way that helps others—in your class, in your home, and in your community—to see His love. You don't have to be perfect, because God has that covered. He's the perfect one! He just asks you to be available and to be an example of His love with your smile, your attitude, your words, your money, your hands, your feet, and sometimes a lot of your muscle. He will give you compassion for others and help you understand what they need and how you can love them more.

The good news is that there's no pressure on you! In my home we call it “keeping your head on a swivel.” The only thing you need to do is use your neck to look for those God is wanting you to find. When you are available, He will use you in incredible and unexpected ways to reach more people for Him.

Dear God,

Thank You for inviting me to have a relationship with You through Your Son, Jesus! There are so many people in the world who do not know about You or Jesus. I want to tell them. They need to know how much You

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love them. They need to know what You have done for them and what You want to do in their lives. Your love is a gift that I want to share with others. I want You to use me. I am Your messenger. Use my mouth. Use my heart. Use my life. Help me to always be looking for ways to serve and to be available to do the things You would like to accomplish through me.

In Jesus's name—amen.