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"When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the LORD, and I will end your captivity."
Jeremiah 29:12-14

Johnny was pretty closed off when he first arrived at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. In fact, spirituality was not something he was interested in discussing. He had been known to ask the Spiritual Life staff if they had to talk about "that God stuff" again. For Johnny, as well as others like him, God has been a negative figure in their lives. Because of the trauma they have experienced, many children in our care struggle with the idea that God can be good and loving.

Johnny and a friend recently began learning about prayer and how it can strengthen their connection with God. He began to pray on a holiday mission trip, when they would end each day with prayer. Johnny shared with our Director of Pastoral Care, Rev. Madeline Luzinski, that he still prays every night. Since returning from the mission trip, Johnny says that prayer helps to empty his mind of worry. Although struggle, disappointment, and difficulty are still a part of life, Johnny and others like him are learning that prayer draws them closer to God, even in times of turmoil.

Since 1908, the members of the Florida Annual Conference have supported the Children's Home's intentional ministry to children and families in need. Those whose trauma had made it nearly impossible for them to conceive of a God who loves them now understand that God has made them good. Children just like Johnny are experiencing God's grace in new ways through the ministry of the Children's Home, and it is because of you.

Will you consider a special gift to the Children's Home? You can **text "SPARK" to 50155** for quick and easy giving. Your prayers, gifts, time, and financial support go a long way toward providing experiences of growth and transformation for our children. Thank you for your partnership!



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