



Session 1: Rejoice
Suggested Week of Use: September 1, 2019
Core Passages: Ephesians 1:3-14

News Story Summary

Ella Andrews was awarded a Commendation for Brave Conduct in August for rescuing her eighteen-month-old sister from a dog attack in Piara Waters, Australia. On January 7, 2019, Ella, seven years old, saw a dog headed toward her sister. She quickly lifted her sister off the ground and held her high so that the dog could not get to the younger sister. Ella received a deep gash but kept Emily out of harm's way.

The family was surprised by the commendation, but glad that something good came out of the experience. The family and others present were amazed that a seven year old would take such a selfless action.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "Ella Andrews awarded commendation.")

Focus Attention

To supplement the Guide idea under Focus Attention, share the news story summary about the Ella Andrews. Ask: *Does it surprise you that a seven year old would take this action?* Complete the step as written.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by reminding the group of the news summary. Characterize the act as unselfish. Call attention to Jesus' death for our salvation as the ultimate unselfish act making Him worthy of all praise. Complete the step as written.