

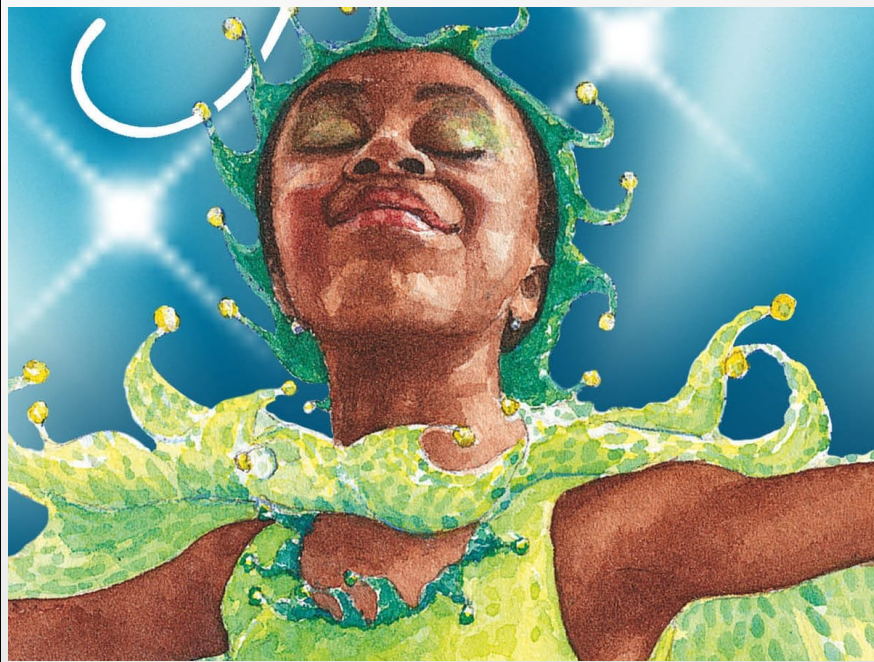


The Power of Will

I am grateful for my ability to choose, lead and decide. In the Power of Will, I say "yes" to life.

ALLOWING GRACE IN : The characteristics of a grace-filled life includes offering forgiveness to ourselves and those who may have harmed us; feeling compassion for self and others; and respecting the dignity of all life. What choices can we make and what actions can take to allow grace to flow in and through us? What can we do to create this flow when we feel resistance?

Grace commonly refers to a smooth and pleasing way of moving, or a polite and thoughtful way of behaving. But when someone says they were late to the airport and only made it onto their plane by the grace of God, they're talking about grace in the context of God's favor. If God give favor, do we also give favor? Do you think forgiveness can be considered grace?



There is a great story about **Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman** that may help us explore both God's grace or your grace.

Amazing Grace is a story about a strong young girl with an immense imagination. In Grace's world there is nothing that can stop her from being anything she wants to be.

YouTube LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYOfKypLWmk>

Have you ever tried out for something and got it? How did it feel?

- Nana helped Grace in this story, who has helped you succeed at something?
- What are some of your dreams and wishes?
- What can you do to allow your grace when you feel resistance from others?

Grace learns that she should not allow racial prejudice to discourage her from working toward her dreams. Sometimes, when we hold a grudge, or have difficulty letting go the of pain or hurt of others that harmed you, your dreams may stunted. Feeling compassion for others is a choice we can give first to ourselves and then to others. The respect for all lives and perspective is true grace.

A grace-filled Life! A grace-filled person is someone who is so full of God's love that they stop before they react out of anger to assess the situation and see if the person or situation is one that needs grace more than it needs anger. If you are filled with grace, there is no room for anything else. There is no room for self-pity, self-will, or impatience or unforgiveness.

"In Colossians 3 the apostle Paul lists the graces of our new nature in Christ Jesus, and "forgiving others" is included. Our Lord teaches us to emulate this grace by His very own demonstrations. Forgiving others should not be some mere lofty ideal, but a practical reality.



Amazing Grace

S L A L Q G O S Y P J D L J G
I E Q N I S M R E S I Z O N R
J A P R A A Y R R N X N O A B
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ACT OUT
BLACK
DREAMS
INSPIRING
LEADING PART
MOWGLI
PERFORM
PETERPAN
SCHOOL
THE SPIDER

ALADDIN
BOY
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STORIES
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NANA
PETER
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JOAN OF ARC

ANANSI
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GRACE

BALLERINA
CREATIVE
HIAWATHA



**What
WOULD
YOU
do?**

**If you saw
someone
with no
lunch, would
you buy
them lunch?**

**If you were
in a store with
your friend and
they stole
something,**

**If you were
taking a test
and saw your
friend's an-
swer, would
you copy?**

**If you noticed
your friend
left \$5.00
on a table,
would you
take it?**

What
would
YOU
do?

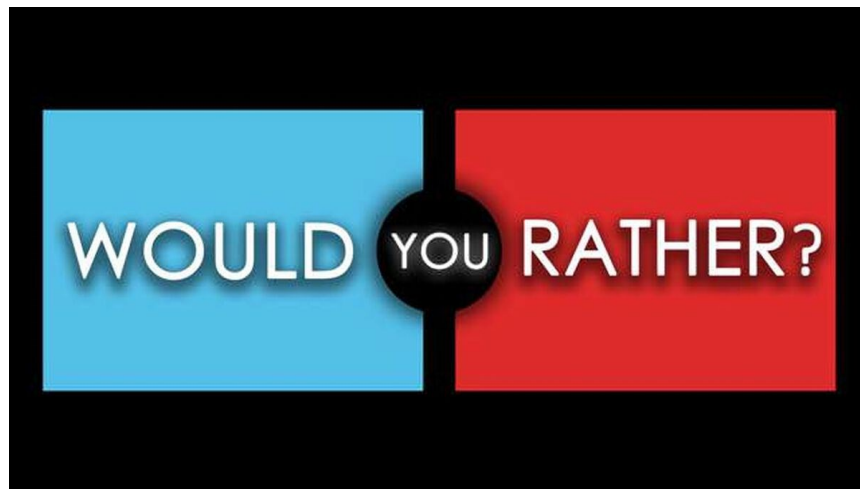
**If you saw
an injured
animal,
would you
help?
them?**

**If you saw
someone be-
ing bullied,
would you
help them?**

**If your friends
tell a secret,
would you re-
peat it?**

**If you were
being bul-
lied, would
you fight**

**If you are
new to your
school, would
you approach
a student to
say Hi?**



1. Be known for forgiveness or faith?
2. have to love your neighbor your whole life or your enemy for one month?
3. Would you rather have a huge imagination or a photographic memory?
4. Would you rather have a peaceful existence where you never had to worry about the troubles of life or live a more "normal" life full of risk and challenge?
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6. Would you rather have a pet dinosaur or dragon?
7. Would you rather kiss a frog or hug a snake?
8. Would you rather live forever or wake up every day with a new super-power?
9. Would you rather wear clothes or a uniform to school?
10. Would you rather be the best in the world at only one thing or pretty good at a lot of things?
11. Would you rather lose all your music or all your photos?
12. Would you rather travel to five countries or learn five languages?
13. Would you rather have a talking cat or a talking dog?
14. Would you rather have a pause button or rewind button for your life?
15. Would you rather forgive someone or have someone forgive you?

Can you find the Word Grave among Grace in 12 Seconds?

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“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” *Matthew 22:37 (ESV)*

Complete this puzzle by drawing a heart (love), an S (soul), or an M (mind), in the squares so there is only one of each symbol in every row and column.

	S	
M	