

FaithBIT



Loved to Love

Reflection by Emilyn Ryski

It was a day like any other; I was up way too early and doing a million things at once. I decided to take a break and go to Kids Club to see my kiddos. What I didn't know was that Jace, a 6-year-old I hadn't seen in a year was going to be there waiting for me. I walked into the craft room and was immediately greeted with a huge smile and a hug. Reconnecting with Jace who loves unconditionally and remembered me from last summer was a turning point for my week. It was one of those weeks where I needed a reminder of unconditional love.



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This summer I was reminded to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our words and actions impact the people around us more than we think. And although that may be intimidating to think about, it is really easy to love others. Kind words, a compassionate heart, and a welcoming smile are enough to change someone's life. Every day I took time to listen and care for the kids of Sisseton and because of that, my faith grew. These kids have been through so much in their lives, yet they are so quick to love others and open up their hearts to new friendships. Sometimes people just need us to sit and listen for them to be reminded that they matter. And the beautiful thing is we are all neighbors and beloved children of God.