

# AMAZING STORIES

## EPISODE 6: KISSING THE BEGGAR'S LIPS



### look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

#### Follow Up from Last Episode's Assignment:

Last week, we shared *Theo's Big Brother* with someone who needed encouragement or steady support.

- How did that conversation go?
- What impact did the story have on the person you shared it with—or on your own heart?
- Were you able to connect the discussion to your relationship with Jesus?

### look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God's Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” If you haven't already, watch the next Amazing Story video: “*Kissing the Beggar's Lips*.” Then use the discussion questions and Scriptures to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Amazing Stories: Kissing the Beggar's Lips**

#### Episode Summary

This episode tells the story of **St. Francis of Assisi**, born Giovanni di Bernardone, a wealthy young man who gave up everything to follow Jesus. One day, Francis encountered a leper on the road. Overcome with compassion, he dismounted his horse and kissed the beggar's lips—an act that marked the beginning of his transformation. He chose a life of radical generosity, joy, and faith, dedicating himself to the poor and outcast.

His life reminds us that true love costs something, and that serving others is the most direct way to serve Christ. Francis's final words echo this truth: “I have done my part. May Jesus teach you to do yours.”

*To give largely, liberally, and cheerfully requires a new heart.*

#### HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you're studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back/ Look Up / Look Forward**. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

#### SHARING AMAZING STORIES

This study guide is designed to prepare you to share the **Amazing Stories** videos with your children, grandchildren, and friends. At the end of this study, you'll find a special section with **Discussion Starters** for adults, teens, and younger children to help you spark meaningful conversations and build faith across generations.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What part of St. Francis's transformation moved you the most?
2. How do his actions challenge the way we think about service and generosity?
3. What barriers sometimes keep you from reaching out to people who are hurting or different from you?
4. How does seeing the face of Jesus in “the least of these” change the way you view compassion and service?
5. What moments in the Gospels show Jesus reaching out to the rejected or unclean, and how do those examples inspire your own compassion?
6. How does the phrase “our faith is caught more than it's taught” inform how you model for your NextGens what it means to give largely, liberally, and cheerfully?

## WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

### KEY VERSE

**2 Corinthians 9:7** - “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Giving freely and cheerfully requires a new heart. Generosity is how God’s love becomes visible through you.

### SUPPORTING VERSES

**James 2:15–17** - “Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” Real faith shows up in action—compassion means doing something, not just feeling something.

**Matthew 25:35–40** - “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you

gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?” The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” When you serve those in need, you’re serving Jesus Himself—every act of compassion is sacred to Him.

### ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Isaiah 58:6–10, Philippians 2:3–4, 1 John 3:17–18



Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, “What does Jesus want us to do?” Commit to simple, practical steps for living out this episode’s lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and step forward together with faith and hope.

### THIS EPISODE’S ASSIGNMENT

This week, apply the principles of *Kissing the Beggar’s Lips* by showing a generous act of kindness that requires you to depend on the heart of Jesus—serving someone who cannot repay you, forgiving freely, or giving where it costs you something. Then share the video with a NextGen loved one, watch it together, and talk about how St. Francis’s story challenges you both to see people through Jesus’ eyes and show His love in action. Encourage them to join you in doing the same.

### PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS



- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach NextGen loved ones?

### SHARE WITH THE GROUP



Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and real-life stories. Close with prayer. Pray together, asking Jesus to shape your hearts for compassion and to help you see Him in every person you serve.



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### DISCUSSION GUIDE

Watch video  
together,  
then discuss!



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#### QUESTIONS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

1. What part of Francis's story was hardest, or most inspiring, for you to imagine doing yourself?
2. Why do we often avoid people who make us uncomfortable or afraid?
3. Who are the "lepers" in your world—people who feel left out or unloved—and how could you show them God's love?
4. St. Francis gave up wealth and comfort to follow Jesus. What is something you could give up or share to help others?
5. How does Jesus' example—touching lepers, eating with outcasts—call you to love beyond your comfort zone?
6. If giving largely, liberally, and cheerfully requires a new heart, how do we get it?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

1. What part of Francis's story was hardest, or most inspiring, for you to imagine doing yourself?
2. Why do you think it's sometimes hard to be kind to people who seem different or make us feel uncomfortable?
3. Can you think of anyone at school, church, or in your neighborhood who might feel left out—and how could you show them God's love?
4. St. Francis gave up wealth and comfort to follow Jesus. What is something you could give up or share to help others?
5. Jesus cared for people others ignored. How can you love people the way Jesus did?
6. If being kind and generous comes from having a new heart, how do we get a heart like that?

