

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK . . .

Yikes! What happens when Liz and Lucille try to return a lunch box that belongs to someone in the weirdest family in town?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Not Judging Others.

1. [Luke 6:37](#) tells us not to judge others. Is it okay for us to have opinions about how other people act?
2. [1 Samuel 1](#) tells the story of Hannah, a woman who desperately wanted a baby. Her husband Elkanah had another wife who made Hannah's life miserable. One day Hannah was in the Lord's house. She was praying to God, and "her lips were moving but her voice was not heard" (vs. 12). Eli the priest saw this and judged her, and he said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine" (vs. 14). Hannah was quick to explain herself to the priest. When he realized he had made a mistake, Eli blessed Hannah, saying "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him" (vs. 17). Later Hannah and Elkanah had a son named Samuel, whose name means "Because I asked the Lord for him" (vs. 20). As you read this episode, think about times when you have judged other people.

Memory Verse

³⁷ Jesus said: Don't judge others, and God won't judge you. Don't be hard on others, and God won't be hard on you. Forgive others, and God will forgive you.

Luke 6:37

After You Listen

In this episode, Liz and Lucille were quick to judge a family based on what they wore and what their hobbies were. But think about it: wouldn't the world be dull if everyone looked, acted, and dressed the same? Remember that every person is created in the image of God, and every person has a soul that God loves. Don't judge someone because of his or her outward appearance when the Bible says God looks at the heart ([1 Samuel 16:7](#)). Does he or she have a love for the Lord? Then don't hold back the love God commands us to give to others ([Matthew 22:37-39](#)) just because they're different from you. When we only spend time with people who are just like us, we feel safe and comfortable. But maybe a little bit of discomfort is exactly the push we need for us to depend on God and reach out to others, especially those who are different.

Want to dig deeper about looking at the heart of others? Check out [Philippians 2:3-4](#), [Romans 15:7](#) and [Ephesians 4:2-3](#).

Challenge

1. As a family, think about the people that you know. How are these people the same as you? How are they different? Is there a neighbor, school friend, coworker, or teammate that you could be friendly to, or invite to join you for an activity?
2. Find opportunities to volunteer and serve others, or to gather things like food, toys, and clothes to donate to churches or service agencies.

3. Attend a Special Olympics event in your area. Look for opportunities to serve those with special needs.
4. Visit other churches to learn more about cultural differences.
5. Try some different foods from around the world.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What was the name of the family who owned the lunch box that Liz and Lucille found at the park?

Answer: The Basilisks

Question 2: Why did Liz and Lucille not want to return it to them?

Answer: Because they were different.

Question 3: What was it like when they got to the house?

Answer: Very strange.

Question 4: What did they discover when they ate dinner with the family?

Answer: That, like Liz and Lucille, they were Christians.
