

# Dinnertime Devotion

## – Ryan’s Daddy Is a Soldier –

Dylan and Ryan were in the same class at school. They liked to hang out together at recess and play Gaga ball. The day before Christmas break, Dylan was feeling excited about having a vacation, eating Christmas cookies and opening presents. “Are you excited for Christmas?” he asked Ryan.

“No. Not really,” Ryan said sadly. “My dad is in the Army. He’s in another country, and he can’t come home for Christmas,” he added.

Dylan didn’t like seeing his friend feel so disappointed. He wanted Ryan to be excited for Christmas, too.

### *How should Dylan respond?*

- A. Pray for Ryan. Then ask his parents if they can do something special for Ryan’s family.
- B. Sneak onto a military plane and try to find Ryan’s dad.
- C. Try to forget about it, so he can have a good Christmas himself.

The correct answer is A.

One of the best ways we can be like Jesus is to show compassion to others. We can’t always fix everyone’s problems, but we can always be an encouragement to them. More importantly, we can pray! You can show the love of God to others when you keep your eyes and ears open for ways to serve them and brighten their day. Even just smiling at someone can make a big difference!

**Today’s Verse:** “Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.” –1 Peter 3:8