When Hurricane Harvey first hit Texas on August 25, no one knew exactly what to expect. When it was over, the storm had dumped about 11 trillion gallons of water on the Houston area and caused widespread flooding and destruction. A bright spot in all the trouble was the way people stepped up to help each other. Many assisted by providing shelter, preparing food, and helping clear the mess the storm had left behind. Preteens Sierra Johnson and Jakylin Sanders spent the last of their summer vacation stacking moldy floorboards and packing up and hauling trash from the home of someone they didn't even know. "We want to be a blessing to somebody else," Jakylin said. Chris Ginter drove his monster truck through the flooded streets for three days, rescuing people who needed to evacuate. Chris told a reporter, "I have to make Mom proud."

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Lesson 1

Think About It . . .

- What do you think motivated Sierra, Jakylin, and Chris to help with the recovery efforts?
- How might their actions reflect on their families?

Look in the Mirror

Talk about what it means to figuratively "reflect" something. Draw a large hand mirror on the board to symbolize the church reflecting God's image. Have students brainstorm things that kids their age can do independently that will reflect God's love to the world. Draw some of the activities inside the "glass" circle on the mirror. Then SAY: **Let's dig into God's Word and see how we can reflect well on God.**

Why is it important for us, as believers and followers of God, to reflect His image?

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