

THE BIRTHDAY SOUP

SEPTEMBER 2

NARRATION

GRAPHICS AND CLIPS

CN. **01**

While people generally expect to receive gifts and a lot of attention on their birthdays, have you ever thought about ways of thanking God for His goodness during this day?

Juliana wanted to make soup for people experiencing homelessness on her special day. However, her mother was hesitant, stating that making soup was costly and arduous, and they didn't have a large enough pot to feed many people.

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So, after praying about it, she decided to ask her neighbors if she could borrow a big soup pot. After obtaining enough pots, she went to the nearest grocery store and asked the manager if they could donate some vegetables for the soup. The manager gave her one bag of vegetables, and other stores also donated bags of ingredients for the soup.

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Juliana beamed joyfully as she showed her bags of food and the pots to her mother. The next day, she invited some of the ladies from the church and they made a lot of soup together.

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CN. **04**

On the day of Juliana's birthday, they finished making the soup and drove to town to meet with the homeless and hungry people. After Juliana announced that it was her birthday and that she had made soup for them, they cheered and sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

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After this, Juliana's mother began attending church with her, and several months later, she asked Jesus into her heart. Today, Juliana, her mother, and several other church members feed the homeless twice a month.

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As God is the Creator and Sustainer of life, it is to Him that glory, honor, thanksgiving, and gifts are due on birthdays.

But how can you put God first during your next birthday? You may use this opportunity to renew your vows of seeking Him first every day of the coming year by praying, studying the Bible, and the Sabbath School lesson. You may also honor Jesus this day by forgiving someone, reflecting His love in service for others, or bringing Him a birthday offering, in addition to your tithe and "Promise" offering. You may renew your vows of keeping the Sabbath better, taking care of your body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and returning an honest tithe to Him. During our birthdays, or on any other day, may we always put our desires last and God first.

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