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How can you share Christ's love with those who are different from you?

I remember a time when I was in fifth grade. A boy, a new student, came to our school. He was in my class and he didn't speak very much English. He was from Liberia, Africa. I was the person that the teacher chose to help this boy out. He was angry and got upset a lot when he couldn't understand things. I tried my best to teach him a little English to attempt to help him. Slowly he started learning more English and was very nice once you got to know him. I remember he was terrified of cats and every time he saw one he would scream and freak out. Even if someone brought up the word cat he would freak out because he thought there was one by him. Eventually he became good friends with everyone in our class and we became best friends. In Hebrews 13:16 it says, "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." By helping out this kid I believe I shared God's love with him. I sacrificed my time helping this boy and because of this I was nicer to people not as fortunate as me, someone with a nice house and good food. By doing good, helping this boy, I believe I brought out my true colors and learned a lot about myself. Now I know how fortunate I am after meeting this kid. In Genesis 11:7 it says, "Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." This verse reminds me of this boy because I didn't understand him but I wonder if God said this because He wanted us to come together as one and work through it. It's like He was waiting for us to unite as one. It reminds me of how we're all different but we all have the same common goal, eternal happiness in Heaven with God.

Jeremiah 29:11. “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” This verse makes me think of how even in life if things don’t go as planned, God has our plans and He knows we will do good in the world, just like how I helped this boy here in America for the first time. Sharing Christ’s love is one of the many joys of being a human and I hope you guys can do the same.