

First Place

Trenton Green

Even though my Nana passed away, I still love her very, very much. My Nana used to give me baths! She used to make the most awesome oatmeal!! My Nana taught me right from wrong! My Nana was always there for me when I needed her! Clearly, my Nana made a difference in all of our lives and I adore her big, warm loving heart.

Second Place

Jared Eaton

My dad brings goodness into my life. He has always set a good example to me. My dad loves America, so he always has been active in the Scouting program and received his Eagle when he was young. He loves learning and is always teaching me something new, in sports or school. And when I'm sad he cheers me up. He also helps other people, when they need help. The other day as a family we were going to the walking bridge to watch cars, and someone's car in front of us broke down and my dad went to see if she needed help. She needed gas, so my dad and us went to the gas station and bought her some gas and made sure she was OK. My dad helps lots of people whether he knows them or not. Last Christmas three kids in our neighborhood needed a place to live while their dad was in the hospital. My dad took them into our house and they had Christmas with us, he even made sure they had presents. My dad takes me along to help him so I can learn how important it is to give service to the community. My dad helps me by showing me the right way to grow up. He loves my mom, my sisters, me and my dog very much. When I grow up, I want to be like my dad, helping and serving others.

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Third Place

Austin Lynn

Although my Grandpa is an ordinary person, he is my hero. He went to fight in the war. He went to protect our country. He went to save lives. He used to drive the tankers. Clearly my Grandpa is a real person who loves his country very much. He makes a difference to my family and our country.

Primary

Honorable Mention

Linzey Leinart

Pastor Scott Jones

He teaches me to do the right thing.

He teaches grown-ups how to be good to us.

He tells really good stories.

He teaches us about God.

He makes me laugh.

He reminds me what I have done wrong

He helps me be good.

He teaches me how to be nice.

He loves God and I do too.