Without handicap

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Dear God, I walk lightly and unburdened through the world. I swirl around on the sports ground or climb up a slope. I am free in my movementsand have forgotten what a gift that is. With your mercy and blessing, be with all those who do not enjoy such freedom because they cannot see, walk, hear or feel properly. Give these people other favors and beautiful experiences — and open my eyes wide so that I see where I am needed and where I can help the weaker people. Amen.

CONTEMPLATE

One person reads the Bible passage aloud. Short silence.

Exchange: What particularly appealed to you?

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STUDY

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- 2. Three minutes of silence.
- 3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
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DISCUSS

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

Treasure Book: Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.

"Let me win, but if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt."

1 Kings 14:25-26

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- 1. Moral question 1: Do you have friends with disabilities, or do you always pick out only those you admire of being the best in every respect?
- 2. Moral question 2: Where are the weak colleagues seated in your classroom, class or workplace in the middle or at the side?
- 3. Moral question 3: Do you take any political action (by sending emails to the city administration, contributions via internet) in order to support disabled people to participate in normal life as much as possible?
- 4. Moral question 4: How do you act in case of bullying or if others are gossiping about weaker persons or outsiders within the group?

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