Good advice

Activity 2A & 2B (CD 2 Tracks 14 & 15, 3 minutes 40 seconds)

First, Billy.

Roz: And sitting in today for Greg Hunter on “How Can I Help?” is Jessica Richards. She’s waiting to take your calls.

Jessica: Thanks, Roz.

Roz: Sure.

Jessica: Hi, everybody. Our number is 555-1234, and the lines are open now. Roz, who’s our first caller?

Roz: Well, Jessica, here’s Billy on the line. He’s 18 years old.

Jessica: Thanks, Roz. (Sure.) Billy, how can I help?

Billy: Uh, hi, Jessica, I-I love my mom and dad a lot, but sometimes I think I disappoint them.

Jessica: Oh. Well, uh...let’s see, Billy, I think there are plenty of things you can do. Now, everybody appreciates compliments, even your mother and father. Compliment them on things that they’ve done. And take time to talk to them and to listen. It’s important to be a good listener. And, well, I think if you do all that, they’ll think you’re a good son.

Billy: OK. Well, thanks.

Next, Tanya.

Roz: OK, Jessica, now here’s Tanya on the line.

Jessica: All right-y. Hi, Tanya. How can I help?

Tanya: Um...well, I really like what you said to that guy Billy. Um...anyway, here’s my question: How can I be a better friend?

Jessica: OK, good question, Tanya. Friendship is very important, and you have to work at it all the time. First, let’s see, you may want to buy your friends little gifts from time to time. Oh, I mean, not expensive gifts. Just get little things to show you care, like a postcard, a flower, or maybe a paperback book. These kinds of things make a friend feel special. Also, remember to ask your friends questions. It shows that you’re interested in them.

Tanya: Oh, OK. Great ideas. Thanks. I’ll give them a try.

Finally, Henry.

Roz: All right, Jessica, are you ready for our last caller?

Jessica: Sure am!

Roz: All right, we’ve got Henry on line three.

Jessica: Henry, hi. How can I help?

Henry: Hi, Jessica. Well, I just got a new job. I want some advice on how to be a good employee. See, I want my boss and my co-workers to appreciate me.

Jessica: OK, great, Henry. Well, work is an important part of our lives. So, first of all, don’t be afraid to say “I don’t know” or “Can you help me?” You need to remember that everyone makes mistakes. And when you make mistakes, just try to learn from them.

Henry: Well, should I try to do things like get to work very early in the morning?

Jessica: Oh, no, no. You don’t need to do that. But getting to work a little early is always a good idea.

Henry: Thanks, Jessica, but my real problem is I wonder if I really am gonna . . .