

Leaving...

means first of all leaving back our old selves and try to break that crust of selfishness that makes us prisoners of ourselves.

Leaving...

is escaping from the small world we belong to. Whatever this world of ours is, mankind is wider, and it's mankind that we must serve.

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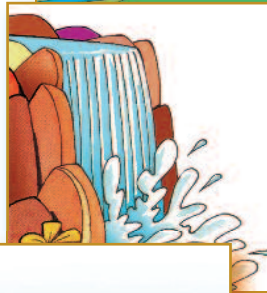
doesn't mean driving for miles, crossing seas, flying at supersonic speed.

Leaving...

is first of all opening ourselves to the others, discovering them, going towards them.

Leaving...

is opening our minds to different ideas, even if they are the opposite of ours. It means starting to march together with other people, for building a righter and more human world.



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When the
family
goes on
holiday

**HOLIDAY TIME IS THE TIME
FOR LOVING
OUR FAMILY... AND GOD!**



Don Bosco would take his boys into the country for long walks, and cheerfulness and simplicity were the must.

The difference isn't made by social conventions, but by fundamental choices in life.




HOLIDAY time. Our children see their friends leave home even for long periods, forget their school mates and find new friends, far away.

If they have to remain at home, they feel "different", and being "different" means being not accepted, almost emarginated.


"Being different" is a worrying condition, because when schemes are broken, one is not prepared. "Being different" is sometimes humiliating. You are different if you aren't tanned, you have no souvenirs to give your friends, no memories of a holiday that might be easily forgotten while preparing for the next one.

But what is really good for a person? And where can we find this "real good"?

 Surely a holiday is good, both for a person and for a family, but it must be a tool, it mustn't become a "must" for being accepted and valued positively, be it in a small group or in the wider social environment.

Ok, a tool, but what for? For talking, playing together, discovering and learning to know one another.




 Parents often admit that they don't know their own children enough; children, mainly teen-agers, maintain with resignation that their own parents are the only ones on the earth who can't understand them, because they don't know them enough. Both these statements are true, but nevertheless there's something wrong in them!

Perhaps a holiday may help overcome such misunderstandings.

 A holiday can be an important occasion for

betting on our family, for staking on what is really good for a person. Which is neither an exclusive resort, nor a famous hotel, nor fashionable sites.

 The family goes back to "childhood" in a way, and this gives it the strength of facing that sort of "diversity" that will be felt once the holiday is over and reports and photographs start going around...

And the family will discover that the choices that are fundamental in life aren't those dictated by social conventions, but those that make us better when facing other people and God. **how to educate**