

Always Open: Service with a smile

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BIBLE STORY

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MEMORY VERSE

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LIFE APP

Service—Lending a hand to help someone else

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER*Made to Connect:* an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- An offering container
- Print the "Check Please" Activity Page; one for each kid
- Note: For extra fun, you could purchase a guest check pad like this: <http://a.co/d/diLHAZP>.
- Pens or pencils; one for each kid

WATER RACE*Made to Explore:* an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Cut 11x14-inch pieces of parchment paper; one for each kid
- Pipette dropper
- Cup of water
- Drinking straws; one for each kid
- Permanent markers; one for every two kids

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.**** 1. PIN THE SPONGE****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]***Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

- Print the "Pin the Sponge" Activity Page; two for each small group
- Sponges cut into one-inch strips; one strip for each kid
- Painter's tape

- Blindfolds or bandanas; one for each kid
- Duct tape

2. SERVICE UP**[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]***Made to Create:* an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Paper diner hats (such as <http://a.co/d/cj6rh7a>); one for each kid
- Print the "Service Up Labels" Activity Page on Avery® labels 5164 or equivalent; one label for each kid
- Markers
- *Optional:* Decorating materials such as stickers or stamps

3. THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST**[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]***Made to Move:* an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Paper plates or pieces of construction paper; one for each kid
- Alternate option:* You could use masking tape instead for a more cost effective option.
- Music player (such as a smart phone) and some upbeat music

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue** app.

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CONNECT

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Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help kids understand that we serve others because of what Jesus did for us. Pray that God will show them that to be first, you must be last. Ask God to give you insight on how to show them what this can look like in their lives.

LIFE APP

Service—Lending a hand to help someone else

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, "Check Please" Activity Pages, pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Collect kids' offerings as they arrive.
- Give each kid a check and a pen or pencil.
- Ask, "If you could order any food from any restaurant, what would it be?"
- Instruct them to write down everything they would love to order on their check.
- Encourage them to share their ideas aloud with the group.

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2. WATER RACE

WHAT YOU NEED: Parchment paper sheets, pipette dropper, cup of water, permanent markers, straws

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage kids to find a partner.
- Give each pair of kids a sheet of parchment paper, two straws, and a permanent marker.
- Ask them to draw a starting line and finish line on their sheet of paper with the marker.
- Explain that you will come around and place two drops of water near their starting line (using the pipette dropper and cup of water.)
- When you say, "Go," the partners will take their straws and blow their dot of water from the starting line to the finish line.
- Whoever's water spreads and reaches the finish line first is the winner!
- Tell kids that they may ask for more water when they want to attempt another round.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Who won the most rounds of the water race? (*Wait for hands to be raised.*) That's so awesome! I noticed it was a bit challenging to get the water drop to the finish line, but that was a pretty cool thing to watch in the end. **[Transition]** Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about someone who did something pretty amazing with water as well. What He did may seem challenging for us, but we will learn why it was worth it to Him. Let's head over and find out what it was!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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* 1. PIN THE SPONGE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Pin the Sponge" Activity Pages, sponge strips, blindfolds, painter's tape, duct tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tape two Activity Pages on a wall approximately two feet apart.
- Divide kids into two teams, and line them up at least 20 feet away from the Activity Pages.
- Designate one picture for each team.
- Provide each kid with a blindfold, a sponge strip, and a small piece of duct tape.
- Instruct kids to make a loop out of their duct tape and stick it on one side of their sponge.
- Explain that when it's their turn, they will blindfold themselves and attempt to walk down to their team's picture and "pin" their sponge on the foot.
- The twist is, before they can walk down, you will ask a review question aloud. The kids at the front of each line race to raise their hands to be the first to answer. If they are first and get the question correct, they get to have a teammate help them walk down and pin their sponge in the right area. If the first kid gets the question wrong, the other kid gets a chance to ask for help from their team.
- The team with the most sponges on their team's foot is the winner!
- Continue until every kid has had a turn and all review questions have been answered.

Review Questions:

1. Why were the disciples and Jesus together about to share a meal? (*Celebrating Passover*)
2. Who usually washed feet before a meal? (*a servant*)
3. What did Jesus do for His disciples? (*Wash their feet*)
4. What did Jesus wrap around his waist before washing the disciples' feet? (*Towel*)
5. What did Jesus tell the others they should do for each other since He washed their feet? (*They should wash each other's feet*)
6. What lesson did Jesus want the disciples to learn from washing their feet? (*To serve others*)

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7. What does this story mean for us in our lives? (*We can serve others too*)
8. Does Jesus mean we have to literally wash people's feet? (*No, we can serve others in many ways*)
9. How could we serve our friends like Jesus did?
10. Bonus Question: How could you serve someone this week?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You all did a great job racing down to clean your team's foot! Can you imagine how stinky the disciples' feet were in our story today? (*Allow time for responses.*) Jesus didn't care how dirty they were or how bad they smelled. He just wanted to serve them. We don't need to be going around washing everyone's feet, but let's remember the example Jesus set for us and **serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**"

[Make It Personal] (Share a personal example of how you served someone because of how you were inspired by the way Jesus served others.)

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2. SERVICE UP

WHAT YOU NEED: Diner hats, labels, markers, decorating materials (optional)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give every kid a hat and a label.
- Encourage kids to place the label on one side of their hat.
- On the other side, ask them to write one way they will serve someone this week.
- Allow time for kids to decorate their hats.
- Instruct kids to sit in a circle. Encourage each to say share how they want to serve someone this week and what made them think of that idea.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You all have the most creative ideas to serve people! One of the best ways we can continue to learn how to serve others is to study how Jesus did it. Can you think of other examples from the Bible of ways Jesus served others? (*This may be a difficult question for your group, so allow time for them to process and come up with ideas.*) He set the best example by all He did for us. We can always be inspired to **serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**"

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3. THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper plates, construction paper, or masking tape, music player

WHAT YOU DO:

- Read this month's memory verse aloud together several times.

Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (*Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.*) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Mark in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find Mark, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Mark. Help the kids find the page. When they find Mark, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 9. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 35 in chapter 9.

- Make a line of paper plates/construction paper. Place them approximately one foot apart from each other. (*Note: If using the masking tape option, make a line of X's using the tape.*)
- Encourage kids to find a plate and stand on it.
- Stand in front of the kid at one end of the line and discuss how this appears to be the front of the line. Then walk to the other end of the line and ask kids to face you. Explain that now THIS appears to be the front of the line. It depends on which way you are facing and where the leader is standing to determine which seat is last and which is first.
- Explain that you will be playing a game that is similar to musical chairs. You will play music on your phone. When you press pause and they hear the music stop, they will race to sit down on a seat.
- Tell kids that the goal is to sit in the "last" seat, but that it is important to find any seat so they don't get out of the game.
- The trick is, you will be switching which end is first and last every round that you play so they must guess which end you will choose!
- With every round, take away a seat so it gets more challenging and so they will be forced to decide if they want to take the chance of being "last" or if they just want to find a seat so they can stay in the game!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"In our memory verse, Jesus told His disciples that the person who doesn't mind being last and puts others before themselves is the real winner. I don't know about you, but I would rather be a winner in His eyes than win some silly game! Let's remember to put our friends first this week and **serve others because of what Jesus did for us.**"

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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to close their eyes and think of something Jesus has done for them that they are really thankful for.
- Together as a group, pray and thank Jesus for what He has done, and ask for help to live a life of service like Him.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Jesus, we are so thankful for all You have done for us. There are so many wonderful things You've done, we wouldn't ever be able to keep count. May the many ways You've served and loved others inspire us to do the same. Let us be reminded this week to **serve others because of what Jesus did for us**. We love You. We pray this in Your name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, have each kid take off their diner hat and hold it up high. Prompt each kid to share how they are going to serve someone this week and remind them that they can **serve others because of what Jesus did for us**.