

# Always Open: Service with a smile

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**FOUR**

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SMALL GROUP

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## BIBLE STORY

**Secret Service**  
Give in Secret  
Matthew 6:1-4

## MEMORY VERSE

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## LIFE APP

Service—Lending a hand to help someone else

## BOTTOM LINE

Serve others without looking for applause.

## BASIC TRUTH

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

### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only  
Create the Environment  
Monthly Overview

15  
MIN

### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers  
Telephone Tongue Twisters

25  
MIN

### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener  
Bible Story  
Worship  
Prayer  
Closer

10  
MIN

### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Look at Me" from *Walk This Way*  
"Everywhere I Go" from *Every Beat*

25  
MIN

### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Service without Applause  
Service with a Smile  
Last Place Award  
Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime  
Parent Cue

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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

**TELEPHONE TONGUE TWISTERS***Made to Imagine:* an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

**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 #2.***\* 1. SERVICE WITHOUT APPLAUSE**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

*Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Plastic spoons or spatulas; one for each kid
- Plastic egg
- *Note: If you are really daring, you can use real eggs. Just make sure you have kids stand on a tarp if doing so!*

**\* 2. SERVICE WITH A SMILE**

[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:**

- Print the "Service with a Smile" Activity Pages; one set for each kid
- Markers
- Stapler

**3. LAST PLACE AWARD**

[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:**

- Print the "Last Place Award" Activity Page and cut out; one ribbon for each kid
- Markers

**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.

## BIBLE STORY

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## CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

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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. Pray that God will give you meaningful examples to share with the kids of how you can serve others in secret. Ask God to give the kids a heart to serve others, not for applause, but to show them Your love. Help them to know that by doing so, they are loving and serving You. Help them understand that this is the best reward.*

## LIFE APP

**Service—Lending a hand to help someone else**

### 1. EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- As kids arrive, encourage them to put their offerings in the container.
- Guide kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Ask: "Has anyone ever given you a high five or a round of applause for something?" Prompt them with examples such as: violin concert, soccer game, good grades etc. Allow time for kids to share examples.
- Tell them to put their arms out like they are asking "Why?" and to lay their hands flat out. Tell them to put their right hand under the person's hand to the right of them and their left hand on top of the person's to the left of them.
- Explain that you will begin by taking your left hand and clapping the person's hand who is sitting to the right of you and that you will all continue going around the circle.
- The fun part is, you will yell "High five!" at any time. Explain that the goal is to not have your hand clapped on "High five," so you will want to go around the circle as quickly as possible!

## BOTTOM LINE

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## BASIC TRUTH

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25 MINUTES

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## IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

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## 2. TELEPHONE TONGUE TWISTERS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Encourage kids to stand in a circle.
- Explain that you will whisper a Telephone Tongue Twister to the first person in line and the group will pass it down the line until they get to the end.
- Remind them that they may only whisper it once and that even if the person didn't hear them, they can't say it again.
- Ask the last person in line to share aloud what they think the telephone tongue twister was!
- Continue as time and interest allow.

**Telephone Tongue Twisters:**

1. The darling donkey did a daring deed by dashing to the door.
2. I'd like a proper glass of soda pop pronto, please.
3. Tiny tarantulas are still a teeny terrible time if you ask me.
4. The terribly tall teacher taught the totally trendy class.
5. What was the rhinoceros roaming around the room for?
6. How many miles must I move to make a mega mile mark?

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Wow! Some of those Telephone Tongue Twisters got really messed up. You all were making me laugh so hard. Has anyone ever told a secret with your friends or had someone try to whisper something to you from across a room? It can get pretty confusing in real life, too. **[Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about something good we can do in secret and why it's better to keep it that way!**"

*Lead your group to the Large Group area.*

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## TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW



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### 1. SERVICE WITHOUT APPLAUSE

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plastic spoons (or spatulas), plastic egg (or real eggs)

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Encourage kids to stand in a circle facing each other.
- Hand out a spoon to each kid.
- Explain that you will place an egg on someone's spoon and they will pass it to the person who is to the right of them.
- The goal is to use their spoons to pass the egg around the circle without dropping it.
- Make it even more challenging for kids by having them put their spoons behind their backs to pass it to each other.

What You Say:

"No one wants to clap when you've dropped and cracked an egg open! Has anyone ever dropped an egg on the ground in real life? (*Allow time for responses.*) Eggs make a complete mess, that's for sure! Here's the thing, though. When it comes to serving others, we don't need applause from others. We can just serve because we know it's the best thing to do. Remember our lesson from today. You can **serve others without looking for applause.**"

**[Make It Personal] (Share a personal example of a time you served someone who didn't even know it was you who helped them. Tell how you felt afterward.)**

## LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



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### 2. SERVICE WITH A SMILE

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Service with a Smile" Activity Pages, markers, stapler

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give every kid a set of Activity Pages.
- Tell kids to fold them in order to make a book. Let them know you will come around and staple the books for them.
- Encourage kids to decorate their books and pick out which service activities they are going to accomplish this week.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"I love the way you all are designing your 'Service with a Smile' books. Now you will have a bunch of awesome ideas to serve others all week long. Out of all the ideas, what is one you are most excited for? (*Allow time for as many kids to respond as time allows.*) I love it! It will be even more awesome if you can accomplish those things in secret. It may be fun trying to sneak around and make it happen without anyone noticing. Remember, serving isn't about getting recognized by others. You can **serve others without looking for applause.**"

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## 3. LAST PLACE AWARD

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Last Place Award" ribbons (Activity Page), markers

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Review this month's memory verse together while sitting in a circle.
- Put the ribbons in the middle of the circle.
- Explain that they will be playing "Duck, Duck, Goose," BUT the person who is "It" must say part of the memory verse while he is circling the group and ducking. They must say: *"Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone"* (Mark 9:35, NIV).
- Before "It" can say "goose," he must get the memory verse right. If he misses a word or doesn't remember, he must go grab a ribbon and sit in the middle.
- Explain that anytime someone is caught by It, they too must go sit in the middle and grab a ribbon.
- Play until all kids have had a turn to be It.
- At the end, make sure all kids have a ribbon.
- Allow kids to color their ribbons.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"I can tell you all have been practicing at home! You did an awesome job knowing the words to the verse. These 'Last Place' ribbons may seem a little silly. We don't have to race to be in last place, BUT these can be good reminders for us that life isn't about winning or being the most important. Our verse tells us that putting others before ourselves and serving is what is greatest. This week, let's remember to **serve others without looking for applause** and be reminded of the amazing example Jesus has set for us!"

## PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



## REFLECT

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### PRAY AND DISMISS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Ask kids to think about how a high five from a favorite coach or applause from their parents makes them feel.
- Ask a few kids to share their thoughts.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Dear God, we know that applause does make us feel good! We like to know we have done something good. But when it comes to serving, help us remember that we can **serve others without looking for applause**. Help us to remember that when we are serving people in secret, YOU are applauding us, and that is all we need! We love You and thank You for using us to serve others. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen!"

As adults arrive to pick up, have each kid display their "Service with a Smile" books. Ask them which serving activity they want to do this week, and remind them that they can **serve others without looking for applause**.