

Always Open: Service with a smile

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BIBLE STORY

Give a Little Bit
Feeding 5,000
John 6:1-13

MEMORY VERSE

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LIFE APP

Service—Lending a hand to help someone else

BOTTOM LINE

Use what you have to serve others.

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

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SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
I Packed My Lunch . . .

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MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

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MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

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"I Can Do All Things" from *At the Top of My Lungs*

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Rebus Retell
Some Call This a Lunch Bag
Lunch Bunch
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.**EARLY ARRIVER**

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Four pounds of dried great northern beans
 - Place one cup of beans in a bowl or zip-top bag.
 - Use markers to color one of the remaining beans red and one a color of your choice.
 - Pour the colored beans and the remaining beans into a clear jar or container (such as a gallon-sized zip-top bag). Be sure the colored beans are hidden from view.
- *NOTE:* Four pounds of beans minus one cup equals about 5,000!

I PACKED MY LUNCH . . .

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

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 #3 for Kindergarteners or a mixed age group and activity #2 for first graders.

1. REBUS RETELL**[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]**

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible marked at John 6

- Print the "Rebus Retell" Activity Page; one for each small group

*** 2. SOME CALL THIS A LUNCH BAG****[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]**

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 10 to 12 small items kids could use to serve others, such as a box of crayons, a cup, a paper towel or cleaning cloth, a BAND-AID®, a box of macaroni and cheese, a small toy or stuffed animal, and/or a small cup
- Place the items in a lunch box or paper lunch bag

*** 3. LUNCH BUNCH****[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]**

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Lunch Bunch" Activity Page, cut out, and paperclip each set together; one set for each kid
- Paper lunch bags; one for each kid
- Markers, crayons, and/or other items kids can use to decorate the bags
- Bibles; for Kindergarteners, mark Bibles at Mark 9:35

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]**

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- The container of beans from Early Arriver
- A towel
- Index cards; one for each kid
- Pencils or crayons
- Decorated lunch bags from the "Lunch Bunch" activity

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GETTING READY, CONTINUED

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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15 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

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EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

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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 you show them that they can use whatever they have to serve others. Pray that God will lay it on their hearts to serve the people in their lives with what they have been given. Ask Him to help them have faith to give what they have to serve others and that they can trust Him to ultimately be the provider.

LIFE APP

Service—Lending a hand to help someone else

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, containers of beans

BOTTOM LINE

Use what you have to serve others.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to place their offerings into the container.
- Guide kids to work in groups of 2 or 3 to count out 100 beans from the smaller container. (If time allows, challenge kids to group them by 5s, 10s, 20s, 25s, or 50s. To make it easier, draw circles on large pieces of paper for sorting. For example: 1 paper has 5 circles for 5 groups of 20 beans, another paper has 2 big circles for 2 groups of 50 beans, etc.)
- Show kids the larger container of beans and ask:
 - "If this is 100 beans (*point to the beans the kids counted*), how many beans do you think are in the jar?"
 - "Why do you think there are that many?"

BASIC TRUTH

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2. I PACKED MY LUNCH . . .

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Lead a child to say, "I packed my lunch, and I packed . . ." and then name an item that begins with the letter A.
- The second child says what the first child said and adds an item that begins with the letter B.
- Play continues with each child naming the previous items and then adding their own, following alphabetical order.
- *NOTE: If naming and remembering items in alphabetical order is too challenging for your group, guide kids to simply name items in ABC order (apple, banana, carrots) or name miscellaneous items (apple, sandwich, pretzels, etc.).*
- *HINT: When it's your turn, encourage fun by adding something crazy to the mix, such as a dinosaur, a flip-flop, or a snowman.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! We packed a lot of things in our lunch! **[Transition]** In our Bible story today, we'll hear about a boy who packed only two different things for his lunch. Let's go learn more."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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1. REBUS RETELL

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at John 6, "Rebus Retell" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to gather around you and stand about an arm's length apart.
- Invite a child to open the Bible where marked.
- Read "Rebus Retell" aloud, guiding kids to crouch low when you say "small" and stand tall when you say "large."

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! One boy gave Jesus (*hold up five fingers*) five SMALL loaves of bread and (*hold up two fingers*) two SMALL fish. Then Jesus turned it into enough food to feed more than 5,000 people . . . with (*hold up 10 and then 2 fingers*) 12 LARGE baskets of food left over!

"Sometimes you may feel like you can only do small things to help others—you can only give a little bit of food or a little bit of money or a little bit of help. But no matter what you give, God can take the little that you give and use it to help others in a BIG way.

"This week, **use what you have to serve others.** Because when you do, God can take what you give and use it to do more than you could ever imagine!"

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* 2. SOME CALL THIS A LUNCH BAG

WHAT YOU NEED: Lunch bag filled with small items

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Hold the lunch bag and say, "Some call this a lunch bag, but I call it a way to **use what you have to serve others.**"
- Pull one item from the bag and say, "Some call THIS a (*name the item*), but I call it (*name a way you could use the item to serve others*)." For example, you might say, "Some call this a box of crayons, but I call it a gift I could give to a friend who's sick."
- Pass the bag to the next person and they will pick one item out of the bag and do the same thing.
- Continue passing the lunch bag around the circle, guiding each child to name a way the item could help serve others.
- If a child is stuck for an idea, ask prompting questions to help them. Also, if a child is shy or reluctant to answer, graciously invite him to either whisper an answer in your ear or choose another child to answer for him.
- Continue as time remains, but be sure to end the game when interest is still high. It is okay for an item to be picked more than once since there are many ways to use each item to serve others.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow. You guys came up with some really creative ways to use ordinary things to serve others. What are some things YOU have that you could use to serve others? (*I can share my cookies at lunch; I can share my stuffed animal with my friend; I can smile when someone seems sad; I can help my mom carry in the groceries; I can open the door for others; etc.*) Great ideas! And you know what? When you **use what you have to serve others**, God can take what you give and do great things with it! So remember: **Use what you have to serve others**, and then watch what God can do!"

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each child a lunch bag. Set out the supplies and invite kids to decorate their bags as they choose.
- As they work, invite a volunteer to open the Bible where marked and read the verse aloud. (If your volunteer is a pre-reader, whisper the phrases in her ear as she points to the words and repeats them to the group.)
- When each child finishes, give them a set of "Lunch Bunch" cards and challenge them to put the cards in order.
- Guide kids to look up the verse using the Bible navigation tips from Week One.
- Kids can put their "Lunch Bunch" cards in their decorated bags and take them home.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Jesus called His 12 disciples to follow Him because He wanted to teach them something very important. He wanted to teach them how to serve others and help point others to Him.

BOTTOM LINE

Use what you have to serve others.

"You're learning how to serve others, too. Today you learned that you can **use what you have to serve others**. How did the boy in today's story use what HE had to serve others? (*He shared his lunch; he gave his lunch to Jesus.*) What's something YOU have that you can use to serve others? (*I can share my toys with my friends; I can give a hug; I can share my stuffed animal with my sister when she's sad.*) Great ideas! You guys are so kind and thoughtful! So remember: **Use what you have to serve others.**"

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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Container of beans from Early Arriver, towel, index cards, pencils or crayons, decorated lunch bags from "Lunch Bunch"

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to gather around you.
- If you offered the Early Arriver activity, show the container of beans and reveal that there are about 5,000 beans!
- Pour the beans onto the towel and spread them out. (Yep. You'll probably hear a chorus of "Wow!" and "Whoa!")
- When kids notice the two colored beans, sort them from the pile and place them in your palm.
- Remark that out of more than 5,000 people (point to the pile of beans), Jesus (point to the red bean) took the lunch that one boy (point to the other bean) gave Him, gave thanks to God, and did a miracle!
- Ask, "Can you **use what you have to serve others**, too?"
- Give each kid a card, and encourage them to draw or write a way they can use what THEY have to serve others. **[Make It Personal] (Write or draw a way that you'll use what you have to serve others, too.)**
- Guide kids to hold their cards as you lead them in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You that just like the boy from long ago, You can take what we give You and use it to help others. Help us remember to use what we have to serve others, no matter how small it may seem. We love You. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show their index cards to their parents and tell how they'll use what they have to serve others. Kids can put the cards in their "Lunch Bunch" bags as they go.