

CITY LG – Nov 14th/15th

Bible Story: One Fish, Two Fish, Bread's the Side Dish (Feeding the 5,000) • *John 6:1-13*

Bottom Line: Use what you have to lend a hand.

Memory Verse: "Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." *Matthew 5:16, NIV*

Life App: Service—lending a hand to help someone else.

LARGE GROUP LEADER: For the constellation game below there is one box of spaghetti and one bag of marshmallows per service so divide the one between the three groups.

SFX: *Play high-energy music as kids enter.*

Storyteller enters wearing the space suit along with space boots on his feet. He welcomes kids as they enter.

Opener

STORYTELLER: "Greetings, earthlings! It's me again, Captain [Host's name], and man-oh-man, are we gonna have some fun today. Of course, I'm reporting to you again from the observation deck of our world-renowned spacecraft, where my job is to protect and serve. Well ... mostly to serve. But I have been known to kill some giant bugs around here, so you're welcome for that. (*Hold hand to ear as if hearing something.*) Oh, what's that? You like my new shoes?

Walk out to the edge of the stage so everyone can see the boots

"Well, first of all, thank you. Second of all, these are not shoes. They're boots—moon boots, to be precise, the Space-board 2000. Special edition, of course. Made to keep your walk on the moon running smoothly.

"I wore them today because it's a special day. It's the day we've been waiting for all year. Many have tried before and failed, but today I smell success in here.

"Without further ado, let's get started. If you're over the moon with excitement, give your neighbor a high five and say, 'You're outta this world!'"

ST and KIDS: "You're outta this world!"

ST: "Perfect. Raise your hand if you remember the Life App for this month. Anybody? Anybody? (*Look around.*) It starts with a 'serv' and ends with an 'ice.' What is our Life App this month? That's right, service.

CG: *Service Slide*

"And when it comes to service, we want to be 'all hands on deck.' Do you know what that means? That means we're all always ready to lend a helping hand. That's the definition of service, right? Lending a hand to help someone else.

“And today, I am in need of YOUR service. Today is the day that every crew member must submit a new constellation to the Constellation Committee for review. A constellation is a big cluster of stars in the sky that make a picture when you draw a line from star to star. If the Constellation Committee likes our constellation, they add it to the Constellation Gallery back at the office. They even name it after us. I’ve never had anything named after me.

“The only problem is, I need some inspiration. I need some ideas for a new constellation. That’s why I’ve decided that we should play ‘The Creative Collaborative Constellation Contest’! Wow. Try saying that five times fast. I need 3 people from each grade. I am looking for kids who REALLY want to come and help me. Let me see those “I really want you to pick me” faces!

Walk through the crowd to pick 3 people from each grade

SFX: Upbeat music for game

“The goal of the game is to use the supplies you have to build an amazing constellation in 60 seconds. The best constellation wins.

Alright, Let’s see what you got. The audience should be a really loud support for your team. I want to hear you cheering. Ready, set, go!

CG: 60 second countdown

Cheer on each team while they use marshmallows and spaghetti noodles to build constellations. After the 60 seconds are up, the game is over. Walk around and take a look at the constellations and decide on a winner.

“Three, two, one! Let’s take a look at these amazing constellations. Yes, great work. You all used what you had here to build creative constellations. Great job! You sure know how to lend a helping hand! Good work. Let’s hear it for all of the teams. Thank you for lending me a hand and giving me a lot of new ideas to think about.

Now I’m going to serve YOU by telling you about a story from the Bible. I can’t wait for you to hear it!

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Today’s story is one of the most incredible stories in the entire Bible. But it’s not just a story—it really happened. It’s true. And it’s all about a boy who used what he had to lend a hand. And he didn’t just lend a hand to one person, and not a hundred people, either. The boy I’m going to tell you about lent a hand to at least five THOUSAND people! What? It’s true! Here’s what happened.

Take a look at this.....

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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Wow. Can you believe that? Those five loaves and two fish that the little boy offered

was able to help EVERY person on the mountainside—and they even had food left over! The little boy did exactly what our Bottom Line said to do—he used what he had to make a difference. It would have been easy for him to think he didn't have enough to help, but he was willing to use what he had to lend a hand. That's our Bottom Line. Can you say it with me?

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Use what you have to lend a hand. This is an important one to remember so let's say that a few more times. I will say, “USE WHAT YOU HAVE, and you will say, TO LEND A HAND. Let's try it...

ST: Use what you have

Kids: To lend a hand.

ST: One more time...use what you have

Kids to lend a hand

You don't have to have a lot of money to lend a hand. You don't have to have a lot of time to lend a hand. All it takes is using what you have. And when we do that, we're doing exactly what our memory verse tells us to do.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“‘Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven,’ Matthew 5:16. (NIRV)

“Let's serve others. Let's shine our lights just like the little boy in our story AND just like Jesus. Let's pray.”

Pray

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for sending us Your Son Jesus to teach us how to serve others. Please help us to use what we have to serve the people You've put in our lives. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen.”

Dismiss children to their Small Groups.