

CITY SG – Nov 7th/8th

Bible Story: All Hands on Deck (Attitude of Giving to the Poor) • *Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10*

Bottom Line: Have a good attitude when you 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.

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Pray that kids would begin to understand that no one likes to be served by someone who has a bad attitude. Ask God to help the kids put themselves in others’ shoes when it comes to serving. Pray for your own attitude, as well; that serving would be something that comes easily to you, something that you do willingly and with an open heart.

No Hands!

What You Need: 2 ping-pong balls per bin, straws (one per kid), masking tape, Good or Bad cards printed on cardstock (two sets per bin)

What You Do:

- Divide your group into two teams. Make sure teams are even or designate one person to go twice if necessary.
- Use the tape to mark a starting and turn-around point on the floor about five feet apart for each team.
- Explain that the goal is to get the ping-pong ball from the starting line to the turn-around line and back to the finish line by blowing through the straw. They may NOT use their hands to move the ball.
- Continue down the line until each team member has moved the ball. First team to complete the task wins!

What You Say:

“This game would have been MUCH easier if you’d been able to use your hands. All month long, we’re talking about lending a hand to help someone else! We talked about how we can help others this week.

Review The Story:

- Take out the Good or bad cards.
- Have kids take turns picking a card out of the bag. Ask someone to demonstrate what it would look like to do that chore with a good attitude.
- Then ask another child to demonstrate doing that chore with a bad attitude.
- Continue until all of the cards are finished

What You Say:

"In each of these situations, you showed what it looks like to help with a good attitude and with a bad attitude. Which do you think is the better choice? Today we learned that it's important to **[Bottom Line] have a good attitude when you lend a hand.** God loves it when we choose to serve the people around us, but He wants us to serve with a joyful heart!" **[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids about a time when you helped but you weren't happy about it. What happened? What would you do differently if you could go back in time and do it again)**

Hands Up Attitude (application activity)

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Read the following service examples below.
- Tell kids to raise both hands in the air if the scenario is an example of a good attitude and to sit on their hands if it's an example of a bad attitude.
 - Your aunt asks you to clean your room. You say, "Sure!" the first time she asks and then get busy cleaning up.
 - Your little sister wants to read one more book. You rush through it, skipping some pages so that you can finish quickly and play with something else.
 - Your grandpa takes you and your sister to the local food bank each month to help sort food. This time, you don't want to be there and you spend the whole time complaining.
 - A new kid in your class isn't sure where to put his backpack and lunch box. You show him where they go, smile, and tell him your name.
 - Your mom is trying to carry two bags of groceries, her purse, your brother's backpack, and her workbag into the house. She asks for your help. As you grab the backpack, you whine about how you shouldn't have to help because it's not your stuff.
 - You're playing outside when your friend falls and scrapes his knee. You check to see how bad it is, tell him it will be okay, and then run to find his mom.
 - When you're finished with dinner, your dad asks you to help with the dishes, but you'd rather play video games. As you load the dishwasher, you roll your eyes and make huffing noises like this is the worst day ever.
 - An older lady in your neighborhood needs help raking the leaves in her yard. You head over with your dad and help until the job is finished, talking with your dad the whole time.

What You Say:

"Service is lending a hand to help someone else. In each of these examples, someone was helped. But it didn't always happen with a good attitude. We need to serve with a happy heart, use kind words, and serve without complaining. A good attitude means we don't whine or roll our eyes or huff and puff and stomp our feet. A good attitude or a happy heart means we are cheerful when we help others. It means we serve with our hands up and open, ready to do what someone needs. Let's try hard this week to **[Bottom Line] have a good attitude when you lend a hand.**"

Sing It / Clap It! (memory verse activity)

What You Need: Memory verse cards from last week for 1st and 2nd Grade bins with the FIRST part of the verse on it. Memory verse cards for the 1st and 2nd grade bins with the SECOND part of the verse on it {*Then they will see the good things you do.*}

What You Do:

THIRD GRADE:

- Hand out the Bibles and help kids look up Matthew 5:16. Read the verse together several times.
- Talk about some “good works” that kids can do as they serve. Ask kids to give you some examples.

FIRST/SECOND GRADE:

- Hold up verse card with the first part of the verse on it and read it TO the kids. Say it together a few times
- Hold up the card with the second part of the verse on it and read it TO the kids. Say it together a few times.
- Try to say both parts together a few more times
- Clap the verse. Work together as a group to come up with a handclap rhythm pattern to complete as you say the words of the first two parts of the verse.

What You Say:

“One BIG way to let your light shine so that others can see God is to serve. You guys gave lots of great examples of “good things” you can do to serve others. The good things that you do with a good attitude make God so happy. When you serve with a good attitude, it’s like a shining a bright light that says, ‘I love and follow God!’ Always remember to shine your light and **[Bottom Line] have a good attitude when you lend a hand.**”

Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Ask kids if there is anything they would like to pray for today.
- Pray together as a group for any prayer requests and pray that kids would serve with a “hands up” good attitude this week.

What You Say:

“You have a pretty BIG challenge ahead for this week. I know it can be hard to serve sometimes, especially if you don’t feel like it. But not only should we serve, we also need to serve with a ‘hands up’ attitude. Do you think you can **[Bottom Line] have a good attitude when you lend a hand** this week? Why don’t we pray and ask God to help us?

“Heavenly Father, we love You! We learned something really important this week. It’s not enough to just serve. We need to serve others with a good attitude. Help us to be cheerful as we serve. Help us to have a ‘hands up’ attitude as we do good things for others this week. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Parent Connection at Pick Up

Prompt parents to ask their kiddos what having a “hands up” attitude means.