

CITY LG – Oct 31st-Nov 1st

Bible Story: Soul Server (Servant of All/Jesus Came to Serve) • *Mark 10:32-45*

Bottom Line: Serve others because of what Jesus did for us.

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.

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

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

Host is on stage wearing a ridiculous space costume and welcoming kids as they enter.

Opener

HOST: “Hello, hello, hello, earthlings! I come in peace. Happy Sunday (or Saturday) to all of you! Man, I’m over the MOON that all of you are here! My name is Captain [Host’s name], reporting to you from the observation deck of the most galactically gorgeous spacecraft this side of the Milky Way. As captain, my job is to serve all crew and passengers on board. *(Whisper)* That’s you.

“We’re going to have an awesome time together here in the CITY. If you’re as pumped up as I am, put one fist in the air and say, ‘Let’s do this!’ on three. One, two, three!”

HOST AND KIDS: *(Put one fist in the air.)* “Let’s do this!”

HOST: “I have some incredible news for you all. You ready? Today we’re starting a brand new theme, and this one is going to be ridiculously awesome. It’s the theme of service.

CG: *Service Slide*

“Service is lending a hand to help someone else. So when it comes to service, we want to be ‘all hands on deck.’ That’s just a fun way of saying that we’re all always ready to lend a helping hand. It’s what service is all about! A bunch of you have heard that word before, but it could be that some of you haven’t. Maybe you’ve been to a restaurant and had bad service. Maybe you’ve been a store at the mall and someone helped you a lot—they gave you great service. Whether or not you know a lot about service, you know that good service is good *(thumbs up)*, and bad service is bad *(thumbs down)*. Good service is what?”

HOST AND KIDS: *(Thumbs up)* “Good.”

HOST: “And bad service is?”

HOST AND KIDS: *(Thumbs down)* “Bad.”

HOST: “You got that right. And I don’t know about you, but I want to be known for GOOD service—for helping others and lending them a helping hand. Let’s say that definition of service together, shall we? Repeat after me. Service is ...”

HOST AND KIDS: "Service is ..."

HOST: "... lending a hand ..."

HOST AND KIDS: "... lending a hand ..."

HOST: "... to help someone else."

HOST AND KIDS: "... to help someone else."

HOST: "You're the best host ever."

HOST AND KIDS: "You're the best large group leader ever."

HOST: (*Tongue in cheek*) "Guys, really? Thank you! You're not so bad yourselves. Okay, let's say the definition of service one more time. You can leave out the best-LG Leader-ever part. We'll all just keep that in mind. We don't have to say it out loud. Here we go."

HOST AND KIDS: "Service is lending a hand to help someone else."

HOST: "There we go. That time was way louder. Let's demonstrate some service right now, huh? I've got some super awesome hands for us right here. But they're a little bigger than normal. I wonder if that means they're better servers. Well, let's give them a try. I need my Small Group Leaders and my two contestants to come to the stage."

SFX: *Play upbeat music while they come on stage*

Give each Small Group Leader a foam finger to wear, and hand each kids 10 glow stick necklaces.

"The name of this game is 'Huge Helping Hands.' The goal is to see who can get the most glow stick rings around the foam finger in 60 seconds. Small Group Leaders, you can lend the contestants a hand by trying to catch the rings they throw at you."

"Audience, you can lend a hand of applause while we watch. Boys, you gotta support the fellas and cheer for the boys. Girls, I want all the ladies cheering for your home-girl up here. Let's see what you've got. Let's get 60 seconds on the clock!"

"Ready, set, go!"

CG: *60-second countdown*

The kids should stand equidistance from the SGLs and toss the glow stick necklaces onto the foam fingers. SGLs can help by trying to catch the rings on the fingers. All that fall to the ground can be retrieved. The winner is the first to

10 or whoever has the most rings around the foam finger after 60 seconds.

“Three, two, one! Time’s up! Let’s see who was able to get the most rings on the foam finger. *(Count both sides.)* And we have a winner! Great job! You all sure know how to lend a helping hand! Good work. Let’s hear it for both contestants as they have a seat. Thank you for playing ‘Huge Helping Hands’!

Well, I’m going to serve YOU by telling you a TRUE story from the Bible. I can’t wait for you to hear it. It’s about the best servant EVER. I think you’re going to be really surprised by who it is! Take a look at this video...

252 Story Week one Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “The cool thing is that Jesus didn’t just talk about serving others. He served others, too. Jesus helped people everywhere He went. He taught them. He healed them. He loved them when they were sad or hurt. And then Jesus was the ULTIMATE servant when He gave His life to pay for our sins by dying on the cross. But, just like He told His friends, Jesus beat death and rose from His grave three days later. He did all of that for you ... *(point to the kids)* ... and you and you and you ... so that you could live forever with Him in heaven. And that should make us want to serve others, too.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“We should **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.** That’s the one thing to remember for today! I am going to say “SERVE OTHER BECAUSE OF WHAT? And I want you to shout as loud as you can, “JESUS DID FOR US!” Ready??

STORYTELLER: Serve others because of what

KIDS: Jesus did for us!!

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KIDS: Jesus did for us!

STORYTELLER: “You see, when we serve others, we’re acting like Jesus. We’re doing exactly what our memory verse says.

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 so others can see it. Let’s pray.”

Pray

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for sending us Jesus. He taught us so many things, but one of the most important things Jesus taught us was how to serve. Help us to serve others just like Jesus did. We love You. And we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Dismiss children to their Small Groups.