

# Weekend Curriculum:

## SMALL GROUP

### City & Alley



August 27 & 28, 2016

WEEK 4 – Jesus wants me to be kind to everyone.

Bible Story: Luke 10:29-37 (The Good Samaritan)

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#### 1. BANDAGE RELAY

Needed: 2 rolls of toilet paper

Divide your group into 2 teams. Line each team up side by side. Explain that when you say go, starting with the first person, each person needs to bandage the person to their left's right arm with the toilet paper. Once they bandage the whole arm, they can pass the toilet paper down to the next person. To finish, the last person in line has to run up to the first person and bandage their arm first to win the game.

#### 2. 5 Rings of Service

Needed: marbles and a container of water, The Five Rings of Service (concentric circles like the waves in a pond after you drop a pebble into the water) are *God, family and friends, church family, community, and world* – activity page.

Then set the round plastic tub on a classroom table, and partially fill the tub with water.

Ask kids: What does the word “serve” mean?

Let kids offer a few ideas. Then say: The dictionary says that “serve” has more than twenty meanings! The word “serve” can mean to offer food, to help, to spend time, to work, to give honor, and to be obedient.

Then ask kids: Who do you serve in your life? What do you do to serve others?

Read: Romans 12:4-6 - the bible says we all have special gifts and talents.

Ask: What kind of gifts do you think this passage is talking about? What kind of gifts do your friends or family have? What gifts do you have that you could use to serve others?

God has given each of us special gifts to use for him. Now let's find out more about how to use those gifts to serve God.

Read: Psalm 100:2

Ask: What does this passage say about how we should serve God?

Ask for two helpers. One will be the Cheerful Servant, and one will be the Grumpy Griper. Ask each volunteer to do a simple task such as getting a book from across the room. Have the Grumpy Griper sigh, complain, drag his or her feet, and whine. Next have the cheerful Servant do the same task quickly and cheerfully.

Have kids sit in a circle. Invite kids to vote whether they'd rather associate with a Cheerful Servant or a Grumpy Griper.

Then say: Wouldn't it be awful if everyone in our lives were grumpy and unwilling to help? Jesus is a great example of how to be a willing servant of God. He even died on the cross for us! How can you be a willing servant at home? with your friends?

When we choose to serve God, we start a chain reaction of events. By serving God, we also serve others. I'll show you what I mean.

Have kids stand around the tub of water. Pick up a marble and say: When we serve God, we serve others around us. Let's say this marble is a person who has chosen to serve God. Drop the marble in the tub.

See? This one little action affects the whole pool of water. That's just how it is with service. Everything we do as we serve God has an effect on our world.

Let a few kids take turns dropping the marbles into the center of the water and watching the ripple effect. With older kids you may discuss how the tub is like the world and how even the little things we do can ripple out and affect our whole world.

Show children the Five Rings of Service activity page. Point out how the rings of service are similar to the ripples in the tub. Point to each ring of service as you offer the following explanation.

At the center of service is God. Then come the people we're closest to, our family members and friends. Next come our church friends, and finally, our neighbors in the community and our neighbors in the world.

### **3. PRAY & BINGO**

Needed: Random Acts of Kindness Bingo Card

Gather your group together and talk about what it means to be kind. Ask “Why do you think Jesus asks us to be kind?” Tell them a personal, kid-appropriate story of how you’ve shown God’s love by showing kindness to someone, how it made you feel and how it may have impacted that person’s life. Give the kids the Kindness Bingo Card to take home and share with them that we’d like for the kids to try and make a bingo (5 across, down or diagonal) by showing kindness to others this week. If they can mark these sheets with a bingo, we will have a candy prize for them next week. Then pray together that God will use us to show His kindness and love to others this week.