

CITY SG- February 18th/19th

Bible Story: Jesus feeds 5,000 • *Mark 6:30-44*

Bottom Line: God wants you to give to others who are in need.

Memory Verse: “Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.” *1 John 4:10 (NirV)*

Life App: Love—choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

Needs Charades

What You Need: “Need Charades” cards

What You Do:

- Have all the kids sit down in a circle and tell them that we are playing charades. However, every card is about something they might NEED or WANT.
- Let one kid pick a card and act it out. Once the children guess the answer have the kids tell you whether it is a need or a want.
- Play until all cards are gone or interest allows.

What You Say:

- Was there a time that you ever had to give away something that you really wanted or loved?
- Is there a difference between a need and a want? (*needs are things we need to live and a want is something we would rather have*). Give me an example of a need? (*Food, shelter, water, clothes, family/friends*).
- Why does God want us to give to others? (*He wants us to show His love to others*).
- What are some things we can give to others? (*Food, money, clothes, toys, etc.*) Where are some places we can give money to? (*Homeless shelters, Goodwill, Church for the mission, etc.*)
- What are some things that don't cost anything that you can give away? (*old clothes, your talents and time.*)
- **[Bottom Line] give to others who are in need.”**

Documentary

What You Need: assorted props, bread and fish cut outs, Bible

What You Do:

- Today we are going to pretend we are making a documentary on Jesus feeding the five thousand.
- Have the kids sit down.
- Pick a few kids to be disciples, Jesus, and the little boy in this story.
- Any of the kids can use the props to help tell the story.
- Read the story and leave pauses for the kids to respond and act out the scenes.
- Encourage the rest of the kids to be the hungry crowd.
- Feel free to re-read the story and with new children as the characters.

What You Say:

- What is your favorite food? What would you do if you had an infinite supply of that food?
- Imagine you were in the crowd that day, what would you do if you saw Jesus feeding everyone?

- Why did Jesus feed the 5,000 people? (*He loves them, he wanted them to keep learning from him, and he wanted to give them something to eat*). Can you think of another thing Jesus gives to someone else? (*Sight, ability to walk, life, etc.*).
- Why does Jesus care so much about helping other people? (*He wants other people to know that God cares and loves them*).
- **[Bottom Line] God wants you to give to others who are in need.**

Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Remind the kids of the discussion questions asked earlier: What would it be harder for you to give up to help someone? Possessions? Doing something that you like?
- Guide the kids to pray, asking God to help soften their hearts so they are able to give up those things that are hard for them to give up in order to help others.

What You Say:

“God will help us see the opportunities He gives us to help others, especially if we ask Him to help us see. So remember to look and listen for needs you might be able to meet. And keep asking God to give you those chances.”

Extra Activity

Echo Back

What You Need: “Memory Verse Cards” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Review the memory verse by putting the cards in order of the verse (*see top of page of correct order*) and say it aloud a few times.
- Arrange the kids in pyramidal rows (one person in row one, two people in row two, three people in row three, etc.).
- Use the “Memory Verse Cards” to repeat small chunks of the verse to the shortest row. Then the next row “echoes” it, and then the next and the next.
- Each individual should mimic your vocal volume. As the rows get bigger the volume will be greater because more people are saying it.

What You Say:

- How do you guys understand love?
- How did Jesus give his life for ours? (*Salvation story*). Do you think this is an example of love?
- Why do you think God wants us to give to others? (*He wants us to give to others the same love that He and Jesus have given to us*).
- **[Bottom Line] God wants me to give to others who are in need.”**