

# CITY LG- April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

**Bible Story:** Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet • *John 13:1-17*

**Bottom Line:** I can put others first by serving them.

**Memory Verse:** “Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.” *Philippians 2:3, NIRV*

**Life App:** Humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

**CG:Pre-show**

**WORSHIP**

**SONGS:** Let It Be Known and Good, Good Father

“Welcome to Parkview! Let’s get up and worship!! Our first song is Let It Be Known – it’s about how Jesus put our needs above His. We can live like Jesus when we put others first! GREAT Job!! Our second song is Good, Good Father. God is our good Father. He loves us so much.

Let’s pray, God, thank You so much for loving us so much. Help us to live like Your son Jesus, and put others needs before ourselves. It’s in Your name we pray. Amen”

**LARGE GROUP**

“Good morning Parkview Kids, how are you doing today? (*Pause*) Awesome, my name is [host’s name] and I am glad that you are joining us today. We are going to kick today’s video off with a game. It’s called Group Volleyball and here is how you play.”

**Four corners:** Place one of the four Card Suit signs in each corner of the room. There should be a “heart,” “clubs,” “diamond,” and “spade” sign. (Note: you might need to share what a club and spade are for the 1<sup>st</sup> graders). Either tape the sign up on the wall or have a leader hold the signs. Give the kids a 10 second count down to pick a corner. Once you reach zero, pick a card from the desk. Whatever card you pick up, that corner will sit down. For example, if you pick up the “six of hearts”, everyone in the hearts corner will have to sit down in the middle. Make sure to keep the energy high by letting everyone back into the game with a jailbreak. This game should last 5-7 minutes, so make sure to watch your time play.

“Wow, awesome job guys. Today we are starting a brand new series called (*hands above head*) GOOOAL! We are going to be talking about sports. How many of you play on a team? (*Pause for response*). On the count of three shout out your teams name. Ready 1,2,3 (*pause for response*). Awesome! Sports are awesome. Even if you don’t play, you might even have a favorite team. You might like the Cubs or the White Sox. You might like neither and only like the Blackhawks. Teams are amazing because you get to see a group of people come together to accomplish a goal.”

“Take the Cubs for example. They won the World Series. Sure, some of the players were good, but none of them were good by themselves. They needed each other to work as a team and use their gifts. They ended up winning the World Series with a secret ingredient called humility. Here’s the definition we are using today.”

### **CG: Humility Slide**

“Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.’ Can you say that with me?”  
(Repeat slide).

“Humility is huge. It doesn’t matter how much we practice or how good we are, humility and teamwork will always win. I mean, think of that one kid in your gym class that is always a “ball hog” during the game. It’s as if they think no one else even exists, like they are the WHOLE team. When we only think about ourselves it creates something in us that’s called pride. Pride prevents us from seeing other people and even makes us think we deserve everything. Who would want to be friends with a prideful person? No one. That’s why humility is super important, it’s important in everything we do, even on a sports team.”

“Now there are many different ways for us to get humility. One of the easiest ways of us to become humble is to serve other people. By giving someone your time, talents, or stuff, you are becoming more humble. You begin to focus more on other people rather than focusing on yourself. Now, if there is anyone who knew what humility was all about, it would be Jesus. Today’s story can help you see just how humble Jesus really was.”

### **SETTING UP THE STORY**

“First, we need to do a quick recap of the last few months. We first looked at when Jesus was born, then as a kid, and finally as an adult. Jesus and his disciples traveled all across the land of Israel telling the people the good news of God’s forgiveness. He also told people to turn away from doing wrong and to start following God. Well, Jesus and his disciples went up to Jerusalem, which is like the Washington D.C. of their time, to go celebrate a holiday called Passover. At Passover there would be a whole bunch of fancy food, dancing, and singing. However, Jesus knew that he would have to die on the cross soon and wanted to teach his disciples one last important story before he left them. So face towards the screen and check out this weeks’ video.”

### **CG: 252 Basic Story Video**

### **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

“Gross. I don’t know about you, but feet are kind of gross. I mean, these guys were also in the desert and they were walking through the sand. Usually a servant or someone about your age had the responsibility of washing guest’s feet. However, Jesus shows the greatest humility by washing his disciples’ feet.

“Why would Jesus do such a dirty job for his disciples? His disciples were his friends and students, and He was the Son of God! Not only that, but he was their teacher, He never did anything wrong, and He was called the king of the Jews. He was a King.”

“Yet, Jesus choose humility over pride. Jesus choose to do something gross, so that his disciples knew how important it was to put others first. He wanted them to learn that serving others and putting them first was super important for us to be humble like Him. Serving helps get us to stop thinking “what about me?” and start thinking about our friends and family. That is why today’s bottom line is...”

### **CG: Bottom Line Slide**

***[Bottom Line] Jesus wants me to put others first by serving them. Can you say that with me? (Repeat slide)***

“Jesus made it pretty clear. The most important, noble thing, any of us can do isn’t to stand in front of a crowd and receive praise and applause. Our most important job is to quietly put the wants and needs of others ahead of our own.”

“We have to also remember that serving HELPS us be humble, but it doesn’t MAKE us humble. You can easily brag about serving others to people. Your attitude in serving others needs to be like Jesus as well. That’ reminds me of this months Memory Verse.”

### **CG: Memory Verse Slide**

*“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves,”* Philippians 2:3 (NIRV).

“See, we have to remember that when we serve others we are not making ourselves greater, we are making Jesus greater. So the next time you do anything remember, ‘I can put others first.’ Like the next time you’re playing soccer, rather than you going for the goal and getting the glory, you can pass it to a teammate and help them score a point.”

“Or if your friend scores a basket from a free throw, rather than getting jealous you can think ‘put others first’ and tell them ‘great job’ for making a basket. Not only will you show them that you care about them, but you will show you care more about your team and not just yourself.”

“There are many other ways to stay humble. Jesus wants us to be just like Him and the more humble we become, the better followers of Jesus we will be and the better life we will have. I challenge you this week to put someone before yourself. Let’s pray.”

### **Pray**

**STORYTELLER:** “God, thank You so much for Jesus. He teaches us so much not only with what He said, but also by how He acted. Lord, help all of us find ways to serve others in the same way that Jesus did—maybe not exactly by washing their feet, but by looking to the needs of others more than our own. Please help us be bold in serving others. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

*Send kids to small group.*