

CITY LG- April 8th/9th

Bible Story: Jesus Is Crucified, Buried, and Resurrected • *John 18:12 – 20:23*

Bottom Line: I can put others first because Jesus put me first.

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 yourself.” *Philippians 2:3, NIV*

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

WORSHIP:

Songs:

This Is Amazing Grace

Good, Good Father

Hi Parkview Kids!!! Who is ready to worship?? Great! Our first song is about how God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus to die for us, so that we can be in Heaven with Him. Let’s sing, This Is Amazing Grace. That was awesome! Our second song is our song for the month, Good, Good Father. Because we know God is our Good Father and he loves us. Good job everyone. Let’s pray. God, as we get ready to celebrate Easter, we are so grateful for Your Son, Jesus. Thank you for the love you have for us everyday. Amen”

LARGE GROUP:

“Hello Parkview Kids, how are you doing today? (*Pause for response*) Awesome my name is [Host’s name] and welcome to the CITY. Today has one of the most amazing stories you will ever hear. But before we do that, let’s start off with a little game. I like to call this one is called Rock, Paper, Scissors Shoot out! Here’s how to play”

Rock, Paper, Scissors Shoot Out!: Have each kid pair up with someone else. They will stand back-to-back. Tell the kids to pick Rock, paper, or scissors and they have to stick with that when they turn around. You will say 3,2,1, shoot” and on shoot the kids will turn around. Once the round is finished, have the kids try to find another partner near by and get ready for the next round. Go crazy when they win a round. Play enough rounds to fill about 5-7 minutes of time.

“Well, today is going to be another awesome day. We are in week 2 of our series called GOOOAL! How many of you have ever been on a sports team before? (*pause*) How many of you are planning to be on a sports team? (*pause*) Nice. Sports are fun. You get to run around, show off your sweet skills, get a lot of cheering fans, occasionally get messy, and most of all... Snow cones! The real reason we play sports-the awesome snacks! Who doesn’t love a good ol’ fashion watermelon snow cone?”

“For every awesome thing about sports, there are some not so great things. Sometimes, being out in the sun can be hot or sometimes it’s cold. Sometimes, you miss the goal over and over and sometimes people just don’t share. Then sometimes, it’s just a team mate that is being mean or rude and you just want to play the game by yourself. Well, it’s because we forget about this thing called humility.”

“How many of you have ever heard of humility before? (*pause for response*). Ok well, here is our definition for the month.”

CG: Humility Slide

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

“When we are humble, we focus on giving up what we have to others. This might be our favorite cookie, toy, shirt, or anything else. We don’t have to give up that stuff, but we choose to because we are humble and want others to enjoy it.

(Need Cookie Here) It's like having this cookie here. Now, I could enjoy this awesome cookie by myself, with the tasty sugar and chocolate chips in it. Or I could give it to someone else. I think I deserve this cookie because I did a great job hosting the game, but I think I will give to someone else instead." *(Give cookie to another Leader)*

Well, you see, there is someone I know who is the most humble. He gave everything he had to other people. That person is Jesus. Jesus deserved to be the king over all of our lives, but He placed everyone else before himself. He was humble and gave up everything for us. To better understand how much Jesus gave up, we will need to look at this week's video. However, before we do that we need to review."

SETTING UP THE STORY

"Over the past school year, we have heard and seen a lot of awesome stories. We heard stories about David, Moses, Joseph, and many more. God used them to do amazing things. We have heard stories about Jesus and stories Jesus told to others. All of them have been leading up to this moment right here. When Jesus would give up his life in exchange for everyone else's life. Now, Jesus is going to do the hardest thing he has ever had to do. So face towards the screen and check out this week's video."

CG: 252 Basic Story Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

"That is the best story ever! Nothing else compares to Jesus' love. While other stories may have dragons or epic battles, this one is better, because it is true. The Bible tells us that Jesus left his throne in heaven and was born into the world and lived a life just like us. Jesus had feelings like us, he ate food like us, and he probably even sneezed like us. Jesus gave up his sinless life for ours, so we could go to heaven and be with him. At first, we are sad because Jesus died – But, three days later, Jesus was resurrected. Which means that everything Jesus said was true, and he really is alive. Jesus did this because he was humble and because he loves all of us."

"That's our bottom line for today."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

"[Bottom Line] I can put others first because Jesus put me first. Let's say that together." (Repeat slide).

"Yes, we can be just like Jesus and put others first. We don't have to give up our lives like Jesus did. Instead, we can be humble by putting others first. We might think the best thing is to be the smartest, the strongest, the coolest, or the most popular. However, those things only last a little while and end up fading away. Us putting others first will last forever. Let's look at our Memory Verse for help."

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). Can you say that with me?" *(Repeat Slide).*

"Don't do anything to make yourself look cool, but instead, do stuff to help make others look cool. When you make other people look great, you help make yourself more humble. Rather than brag about how awesome you are, spend time complimenting a friend on a good throw in baseball or a nice spike in volleyball. These are all things we can do to be more humble. Humility is something we all need to practice - and when you do, people around you will be happier, you'll have more friends, and most of all, become more like Jesus. We should all want to be like Jesus because he is the secret to having the best life ever."

Pray

“Lord, thank You for Jesus. Thank You for what He did for me and for each of us on the cross. Even though He was hurt, He was made fun of, He was betrayed, and He was finally crucified, He put aside wanting to save His own life and thought of us. Please help us understand You even more, and help us each grow closer to You. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Dismiss children to their small groups.