

CITY LG- April 29th/30th

Bible Story: Humility of Jesus • *Philippians 2:3-8*

Bottom Line: Jesus wants me to put others 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:

Better Than the Best Thing

Good, Good Father

“Hi Parkview Kids! Who is ready to worship??? All right let’s stand up. Our first song is about Jesus’ love for us is better than anything else – let’s sing Better Than the Best Thing. Great job! Our second song is how amazing God is – He is our good Father - this is our theme song all month. Let’s sing, Good, Good Father.”

“ Great job everyone. If you have an offering please bring it up. Let’ s pray. God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus who died for our sins. We know we will never be perfect. But you forgive us and love us. We love You. It’s in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen”

“Hey Parkview kids, how are you doing today? (*Pause for response*). Awesome, welcome to the CITY! My name is [Host’s name] and I am glad you joined us today. We’re finishing up our series called GOOOAL! However, before we get to the video today, we need to get up and play a game. This game is called Get It Over.”

Game Get It Over (balloon edition)

Divide the room in half and mark it out with masking tape. Tell the kids that you will hand them balloons and inform them not to pop them. Their goal is to get as many balloons to the other side of the room as possible. Shout Go and give them 30 to 45 seconds to throw the balloons to the other side of the line. Give them a 5 second count down and tell them freeze. There will be a penalty for anyone who throws a balloon after saying Freeze. Whichever team has less balloons on their side wins the round. Play a few rounds and declare a winner.

“Today we are going through our series called GOOOAL! (*Hands in the air*). We have been looking at something we need for any team. It’s called humility. Now just in case any of you have forgotten our definition over the past few weeks, let’s review it one last time.”

Humility slide

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

“Humility shows us how we should put others first and sometimes even giving up the things we like because of it. Now we have looked at a few different ways to be humble. Whether serving by giving our money, stuff, or talents to others, or by remembering to let others get the glory.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

“Let’s review really quick. The first week we saw Jesus put others first by washing their feet. We learned to serve other people, by putting them first. Then we heard about the Easter story. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and then defeated death by resurrecting, or coming back from the dead. He did this all because He loves us. Well, it goes a step further. That Jesus gave us a mission. This mission is sharing the good news of Jesus’ love and sharing the kingdom of God with other people. This week, we are going to combine all of those into one story. So face towards the screen, and check out this weeks video.”

CG: 252 Basic Story Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

“Wow, I was really worried that Kylie was going to miss out on being humble. I mean she really made everything about herself. She spent all that time daydreaming about how awesome it was going to be to sing in front of everyone. That the spotlight would be on her amazing new dress. That was probably the reason why when things didn’t go HER WAY, she would get angry.”

“Good thing she accidentally opened her Bible and saw the Memory Verse for the month. Let’s review it real quick.”

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 repeat that after me?” (Repeat slide).

“We are supposed to value others more than ourselves! Not only that, but just like Jesus did. I bet she probably remembered Jesus washing the disciples feet, or healing the people who were sick. Maybe she thought of Jesus ultimate sacrifice of dying on the cross for her sins. Those are some really BIG ways.”

“Now if we were honest with ourselves, we can sometimes be like Kylie right? We want the spotlight on ourselves all the time. So we spend all of our time trying to get the coolest clothes, set a new record, get the best grades in school, and the newest toy. We spend so much time on these things that we forget about everyone else around us.”

“All of those things will end up getting old or broken. However, putting others first will last a whole lifetime. Not only that, but sometimes, it can even last for eternity. I mean, Jesus giving up his life on the cross is a perfect example of how putting others first can last forever. And when we follow Jesus, Jesus invites us to make a difference that will last forever. We can do that by putting others first. That also happens to be our bottom line.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Jesus wants me to put others first.’ Let’s say it together.” (Repeat slide).

“You have been forgiven by Jesus and He has put all of us first. We can do the same thing by putting other people first. Jesus then gives us the ability to put others first. By doing it we become more like Jesus.”

“You can put other people first everywhere you go. At school, at home, in our neighborhood, on the field, or on the court. Those are all places that we can put someone else first. Let’s pray that God will give us chances to put other people first. That we can focus on other people and not just on us. Let’s pray.”

Pray

“Lord, it’s hard to stay humble and put others first. But even so, please help us remember to do it. Help us to remember what Jesus thought and did. When we’re given a choice, I pray that Your Holy Spirit would remind us of the right thing to do—the ‘Jesus’ thing to do—and that You’d give us the boldness to make a good choice. Thank You for Your Word and how it always teaches us. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Dismiss children to their small groups.