

ALLEY SG- 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: “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” *Philippians 2:3, NIV*

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

Worth Saving?

What You Need: Index cards (2 per kid), markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid two-index cards and a marker.
- On one card, instruct the kids to write something they have lost. (It doesn't have to be something currently lost—just anything they've lost in the past.)
- On the other ask them to write something they currently have or own that they would give up in order to get back the lost item.
- Collect the “lost” cards and the “give up” cards in separate piles and mix the piles up.
- Randomly draw a card from the lost items pile and a card from the give up pile. The randomness should give you some serious and some funny combinations.
- Ask the kids if the lost item is “worth saving” by giving up the other item.
- You can let them vote and let the debate about which item is better.

What You Say:

- What have you lost that you would give anything to get back?
- How do you think the disciples reacted when they saw Jesus give up his life? (*confused, sad*).
- How does Jesus put others first? (*dying on the cross to pay for the world's sins; He loves us*)
- How does Jesus rising from the dead matter for us? (*It means that everything Jesus said was true*).
- **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you gave up something you deserved or felt like you deserved in order to put someone else first.)**
- **[Bottom Line]** I can put others first because Jesus put me first.

How Far Will You Give?

What You Need: 1 set of 5 relationship signs in each bin, tape in each bin

What You Do:

- Tape the 5 relationship signs on the floor with a good amount of space between them. Placing them in this order: Me, Family, Friends, Kids at school and Strangers
- Explain that the signs represent people with a different level of relationship to them.
- Explain which group each sign represents.
 - The farthest sign represents complete strangers.
 - The next closest sign represents kids you see at school.
 - The next closest sign represents your friends.
 - The next closest sign represents your family members.
 - The sign the kids are standing on represents them, the kids themselves.
- Read a list of items and tell kids to think about who they would be willing to give that item to and go stand on the sign that represents that group of people.
- They should pick the group of people that represents the farthest they would go to give that item away.
 - For example: If they would be willing to give the item to a stranger, they would also be willing to give the item to a classmate, but they should stand on the stranger sign because it represents the farthest “proximity.”
- Make up your own list of items that your kids would be familiar with in their lives.

- Here are a few suggestions.
 - A soccer ball, a sandwich, a bottle of water, an ice cream cone, a lollipop, a piece of gum, a hat, a shirt, a pair of really cool shoes, a brand-name coat, a coat they've outgrown, a video game, a board game, a book, a smartphone, an iPad, 1 dollar, 5 dollars, 20 dollars, a place to sleep.

What You Say:

- How can we have the same humility as Jesus, giving his life for us?
- How do you think we become more humble? (*We ask God by praying, reading the Bible, obeying what Jesus says.*)
- How have you given something up so that someone could go first?
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Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Pray for guests and people who are visiting the church next week.
- Thank God that he has given Jesus to us and has given us the task of sharing him with others.

What You Say:

"Let's pray for all the members and volunteers in our church who put others first today as we welcomed people and helped to tell Jesus' story of humility. And let's remember: **[Bottom Line] I can put others first because Jesus put me first.**"

Extra Activity

Knocked Out

What You Need: "Memory Verse" Cards (1 per bin), ball (1 per bin), cups (16 cups)

What You Do:

- If you think your kids need to be reminded of the verse, do a quick review of it.
- Arrange the cups like bowling pins, but spaced out more. Place one card on top of each cup.
- One team (or one kid) will roll the soccer ball from across the room (or just a short distance) to try to knock over as many cups as possible.
- Remove the cups and the cards that were knocked over. The next team (or kid) has to try to say the verse from memory using only the remaining cards as a reminder.
- Set the cups and cards up again.
- Continue playing so that everyone has a chance to bowl and attempt reading/saying the verse.

What You Say:

- What words pop out at you?
- What do you think is the opposite of being humble? (*Being prideful*). What does a prideful person look like?
- How can we think more about others than ourselves? (*serving others, giving away our stuff*).
- **[Bottom Line] I can put others first because Jesus put me first.**