

ALLEY SG- April 29th/30th

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

Bottom Line: Jesus wants me to put others 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.

Best of the Best

What You Need: “Best of the Best” Activity Page (1 per bin), Bible

What You Do:

- The goal of this game is to find the person with the best of the best trait or skill. For example, this could be the largest foot, the smallest hand, most push-ups, or biggest ear lobe.
- Use the activity page for suggestions or feel free to come up with your own.
 - Remember not to suggest things like weight, skin color, glasses, or anything else that a child might be insecure about.

What You Say:

- What are some other things that you are the best at? What trophies do you have?
- Why do we want to win at sports? (*We want the spotlight*).
- What does Jesus call us to do? (*to put others first*).
- How is it different from what the world wants us to do? (*The world wants us to put ourselves first all the time*).
- **[Bottom Line]** Jesus wants me to put others first.

Spoons

What You Need: deck of cards (1 per bin), spoons (12 per bin)

What You Do:

- Have the kid’s circle up on the ground or near the edge of a table.
- Place the spoons in the center, but make sure to only put one less than the number of players. For example, if there are 13 players, place 12 spoons in the middle. If there are 6 players, start with 5 spoons.
- Pass 4 cards to each kid and explain that they are trying to get 4 of a kind. (all 2’s, all jacks, all 8’s)
- Once, they have all 4 matching cards, they will grab a spoon from the middle.
- The last person who didn’t grab a spoon will be knocked out of the next round.
- Play another round, but first remove a spoon. If the dealer is out, pick a new dealer.
- Play until you have a winner or interest and time allows.

What You Say:

- How did you feel when you didn’t receive a spoon?
- How would this game be different if we put each other first?
- Our topic for this month is humility. How would you describe humility?

- When have you seen someone show humility? Maybe a character from a book, movie, or story that was humble.
- **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants me to put others first.**

Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Spend time praying for others: teachers, family members, friends, etc.
- Encourage kids to ask God for opportunities to put those people first this week.

What You Say:

“One of the best ways for us to continually remind ourselves to put others first is to pray for them. When we pray, we should pray with others in mind, seeking their best interests. Then we should listen to see how God would have us to act to help others succeed. That is one way we can **[Bottom Line] put others first** through prayer.”

Extra Activity

Whiteboard Phrase

What You Need: 2 whiteboards (per bin), dry erase markers (2 or more per bin), Eraser (one per bin), Bibles

What You Do:

- Hand the kids a Bible and help them find the Memory Verse. You might need to show them how to look up a passage.
- Have them practice saying the verse.
- Once you think they have it, have them write the verse on the board.
- Then either you or someone else erase a word and see if anyone can recite the verse in whole with some words missing.
- If you want to make it challenging, once all the words are gone, challenge the kids to write the whole verse from memory on the board.
 - Feel free to award alley cash for completing the verse.

What You Say:

- How does the world pressure you to put yourself first at the expense of others?
- Close your eyes and try to imagine a world where nobody put others first. What does it look like?
- Now do the opposite and imagine a world where everyone is concerned about others and puts others first.
- Which world would you rather live in?
- So why do you think Jesus asks us to take last place and put others first?
- What's one way you can take last place this week?
- **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants me to put others first.**