

CITY 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: “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.

Easter Craft

What You Need: “God is Love” craft (1 per kid)

What You Do:

- Hand each kid a “God is Love” craft.
- The kids are supposed to place the letters on the cross to say, God is love.
- After you are finished, go through the small group discussion.

What You Say:

- How would you retell today’s story to your parents or a friend?
- How does Jesus put other first? (*dying on the cross to pay for the worlds sins; He loves us*)
- What does Jesus rising from the dead mean for us? (*It means that everything Jesus said was true*).
- How was Jesus being humble by dying on the cross? (*He put others first and gave up everything for them*).
- What are the ABC’s of Faith?
 - A-Admit that you have messed up and you need a savior.
 - B- Believe that Jesus died on the cross and he is our Lord and Savior.
 - C- Choose to follow Jesus and not ourselves.
- **[Bottom Line] I can put others first because Jesus put me first.**

Stepping On Eggshells

What You Need: Easter Egg cut outs (8 eggs per bin) Masking tape (1 per bin)

What You Do:

- Use the masking tape to create a start and finish line.
- Split the kids into two or three groups and hand them 4 Easter egg pages.
- Their goal is to work together as a team and get to the other side by only stepping on the eggs.
- They will have to start over if they step off the eggs.
- The first team to get all the players past the finish line wins the game.

What You Say:

- Who has colored Easter eggs before?
- What do you think of when you hear the word “humble?” (*kind, selfless, prideful, generous, loving*)
- Do you think of a certain person who is humble?
- How do you think we become more humble? (*We ask God by praying, reading the Bible, obeying what Jesus says, serve*).
- **[Bottom Line] I can put others first because Jesus put me first.**

Pray

What You Need: Completed “God Is Love” Craft

What You Do:

- Remind kids that there isn’t a formula for how you should pray. You can pray anywhere, anytime, in any position, aloud or silently, and with your eyes open or closed.
- As kids hold the crosses they made, let them take a few moments to thank Jesus for putting us first. They can pray aloud or silently.
- Lead the kids in a short time of prayer.

What You Say:

“Thank You, God, that You love us more than we can imagine. You love us so much that You put us first and sent Jesus to be our Savior. Help us be humble and make the choice to put others first, even if it’s hard. Help us make the choice to believe in You and follow You no matter what. We love You, Lord. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Extra Activity

Memory Verse Relay

What You Need: Memory Verse cards (2 set per bin; different colors)

What You Do:

- First review the Memory Verse for the month.
- Once you think the kids have it, split them up into two teams and have them line up.
- Shuffle the two sets of cards and place them on the ground 10 ft. away.
- Tell them when you say go, the first person will go and grab ONE card and bring it back to the start. Then they will return and try to put the verse in order again.
- They can’t go until the previous person gets back with the cards.
- When they think they have the right answer, they can show you and see if they have the words in the right order.
- The team with the right order wins the game.

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*).
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