

CITY SG- April 22nd/23rd

Bible Story: The Great Commission / Ascension • *Matthew 28:16-20 (Supporting: Acts 1:6-11)*

Bottom Line: I can put others first by doing what Jesus said.

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 yourselves.” *Philippians 2:3, NIV*

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

What Jesus Said

What You Need: “What He Said” Cards (1 per bin), Play-Doh (2 per bin), Paper (as a place mat for the Play-doh), dry-erase board (2 per bin) and markers (3 or more per bin), stopwatch (1 per bin)

What You Do:

- Lead kids in a Cadoo®-style game power-packed to review and reinforce today’s lesson.
- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Places the Play-Doh, paper, dry-erase board, and markers in the center. Place the stack of cards on the top.
- Choose a volunteer to reach on the stack and to read the card and place it face down so no can see. Remember to offer to whisper the word to them if they don’t know what the word is.
- Cue kids to begin the challenge when you start stopwatch. *(If you use a stopwatch, allow 30 to 45 seconds to complete the challenge.)*
- Play until the kids complete each challenge or time allows.

What You Say:

- If your family would let you paint whatever you wanted on your bedroom wall, what would you paint?
- How would you tell a friend about today’s story?
- Have you ever told a friend about Jesus? What happened?
- Are telling other people about Jesus, or the Great Commission, putting other people first? Why or why not?
- What is something we can do to share Jesus with others? *(Invite them to church, Tell about a Bible story, Speak to other people).*
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Simon Says

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Play a game of “Simon Says.”
- After playing a few rounds, start throwing in something that Jesus said and a way for kids to act it out. When you do this, instead of saying “Simon says,” say, “Jesus says,” and then explain how to act it out. For example:
 - Jesus says love your neighbor. (give someone a high five or a hug)
 - Jesus says do unto others as you would have done to you. (scratch someone’s back)
 - Jesus says tell others about my love. (tell someone about Jesus’ love)
 - Jesus says share what you have. (act out giving something to someone)

- Jesus says help those in trouble. (one person lie down and act hurt, someone else help them up)
- Jesus says feed the hungry. (act out giving someone some soup)

What You Say:

- Is the game “Simon Says” similar to what Jesus says? Why or why not?
- What is the hardest part of following what Jesus says? (*We mess up, we don’t know what Jesus says, we want to do what we want to do, etc.*)
- What are some ways we can learn what Jesus says? (*Come to church, read the Bible, Watch videos about the Bible, or ask a small group leader questions*).
- What do you think happens after you follow Jesus? (*You look more like Jesus, have better friendships, get in trouble less, bare fruits of the Holy Spirit, etc.*)
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Pray

What You Need: Nothing

What You Do:

- Guide kids to gather around you.
- Asks them to think of someone they want to share Jesus with. Maybe family, friends, neighbors, teachers, (or maybe a pet).
- Lead them in pray for that person that Jesus would give them the courage to ask that person to church or to tell them about Jesus.

What You Say:

“Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus so he could give us the mission of sharing the gospel with everyone. Thank you that Jesus also put everyone else first by dying for our sins, so that one day we can go to heaven. God, please give us the courage to put others first and to follow what Jesus says this week. Give us someone that we can share the good news of your Son with this week. Amen.”

Extra Activity

Memory Verse Matching

What You Need: “Memory Verse” Cards (2 sets per bin)

What You Do:

- Lay out each set of cards on the ground and review the Memory verse all together.
- Once they kids have it, shuffle the cards and lay them on the ground.
- Let each kid take turns flipping cards over and try to match them together. If they get a pair, let them hold on to it.
- After you finish, have the kids place the verse cards back in order.

What You Say:

- When was the last time you saw or heard about someone putting others first?
- What is something that Jesus said to do that you can do to put others first?
- What are some ways you can begin to make doing what Jesus said something that comes more naturally or automatically to you?

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