

# CITY SG –September 2-3, 2017

## 1. Not So Secret Message

**What You Need:** Paper, writing utensils, Bible

**What You Do:**

- Read John 13:34 to the group.
- Remind your few that in our Bible story, Jonathan sent a message to David and showed love to David by helping him.
- Ask kids to choose a friend and write out a message promising to help that friend with something.
- They can choose any friend they want to help, and they can choose any task to help their friend with.
- Some suggestions: help with homework, help with chores, help by taking their lunch tray to the trash for them, help by giving them a gift, or help them specifically with something they're going through or struggling with.

**What You Say:**

"It's great to have feelings of love for our friends, but acting on those feelings—especially helping a friend with something they need—brings us even closer as friends. Loving a friend means you DO something for that friend. ***[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time you and a friend were brought closer together by one of you doing something for the other.)*** ***[Bottom Line] Friends love one another***, so make sure you do that thing you wrote down!"

*Note: You will need the completed index cards for Activity 3 – Pray and Dismiss*

## 2. Memory Verse Mix-Up

**What You Need:** 2 sets of "Memory Verse Word Cards" with "Food Cards" mixed in

**What You Do:**

- Read Proverbs 17:17 aloud together a few times.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Place Verse/Food Cards blank side up in a pile in the center of the team.
- The kids will compete to see who can be the first to dig through the cards to find the Memory Verse Word Cards and put them in order.

*Note: When you are setting up for next service, be sure the cards are mixed-up again.*

**What You Say:**

"Digging this memory verse out of the food was pretty hard, but by the end of this month, you won't have a hard time digging this verse out of your memory! Don't forget that our verse teaches us about what we are learning this month. ***[Bottom Line] Friends love one another.***"

### **3. Pray and Dismiss**

**What You Need:** The notes kids wrote in the “Not So Secret Message” activity

**What You Do:**

- Gather kids together in a circle and ask them to each hold the message they wrote, promising to help a friend with something.
- When everyone seems ready, pray for the group and let the kids say their friends' names out loud all at once each time you pause. For example: “Lord, today we pray for *(pause)*. Please be with *(pause)* today. Help *(pause)* with any problem that might come up and help us know how to best love our friends. Amen!”

**What You Say:**

“A powerful way to show love to our friends is to regularly pray for them. Be sure to pray for your friends this week and ask God to give you a chance to help your friend in the way you wrote down.”

**NOTE:** As adults arrive to pick up, hand them the Parent Cue, and be sure to mention the friend that their child has chosen to pray for this week.