

CITY SG September 7- 8, 2024

Today's Bible Story: More Than Enough (Jesus Feeds 5,000) • *John 6:1-13*

Today's Bottom Line: Use what you have to help others.

Monthly Memory Verse: "Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

1. Shine the Light

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Multiple Choice Questions" Activity Page (1 per group), 3 pages with A, B, C (1 set per group), mini-flashlights (10-12 per group)

What You Do:

- Set each page with a letter in different areas of your group space, either on the table or floor.
- Give each child a mini-flashlight.
- One at a time, ask a multiple-choice question and share the choices from the "Multiple Choice Questions" Activity Page.
- After hearing all three choices, instruct the kids to aim their flashlight toward the letter that corresponds to the answer they choose.
- Repeat for each question from the "Multiple Choice Questions" Activity Page.
- Say, "Just like Jesus showed compassion to the crowd, we too can show compassion and be willing to use what you have to help others."
- After the activity, **collect the mini-flashlights** to put back in the bin to use later in the month.

2. Little to More

Application Activity

What You Need: ½ sheet of paper (one per kid), scissors, pens

What You Do:

- Give each kid a half sheet of paper and a pen
- Brainstorm ways kids can use what they have to help others.
 - Some suggestions include:
 - sharing something they have
 - showing compassion to someone who is hurting
 - listening to someone talk
 - helping someone with their homework
 - doing things for friends and family
 - explaining a verse, sharing God's love with others
 - volunteering at church or in your community
 - hugging someone who is having a bad day, etc.
- Instruct the kids to write their ideas on how they can help others in the center of the card.
- When done, ask the group to count how many corners their card has (four).
- Give each kid a pair of scissors.
- Encourage kids to cut off one corner of their index card and give it to someone in the group.
- When done, ask them to count how many corners the card they're holding now has (five).
- Encourage kids to cut off a different corner of the index card they're holding and give it to someone in the group.
- Repeat several times.
- Ask kids to count the corners on the card they're holding when they're done.

- Ask
 - Did you notice the more corners you cut off, the more the corners kept multiplying? How is this like our Bible Story today? (*Invite responses, like: the more Jesus divided the bread and fish, the more He had to give away; the people had more than enough, etc.*)
 - What's one skill, talent, or thing you possess that you can use to help others around you?"
 - Can you think of other ways you can use what you know or have to help others? (*Invite responses.*)

3. Memory Verse Roll

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: a soft ball (one per group)

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)*
- Say the verse several times together
- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass to ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.
- If there is still time, work as a group to come up with motions to the verse.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...
"Dear God, thank You for the opportunity to learn more about shining Your light in the world. Help us to see how we can use the skills, talents, and resources You have given us to help others. May we be instruments of Your love and kindness, reaching out to others with compassion. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- If there is still time, pass out the Parent Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home and bring back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, ask the kids to share one way they are going to use what they have to help others.