



WEEK THREE – NOVEMBER 2018 – PRETEEN (456)

Bible Story: *Stand By You* • Luke 5:17–26

Key Question: *Who do you know who needs help?*

Memory Verse: *“Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.” – Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIRV*

Life App: *Cooperation – Working together to do more than you can do alone*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated*

Summary: When we see others with needs that seem huge and overwhelming, we too often think they’re too big for us to help and end up doing nothing. However, if we cooperate with others to meet their need, we have a better chance making a difference in their life and point them to God.

8:50–9:00 | 10:20–10:30 | 11:50–12:00 – FREE PLAY

9:00–9:10 | 10:30–10:40 | 12:00–12:10 – PRESERVICE ACTIVITY

1. Get Your Head in the Game

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- You will be playing the game “SIGNS”
- To play the game:
 - The kid who is “It” sits in the middle of the circle
 - Every kid in the group chooses a sign that they will use to pass to one another
 - Kids work together by passing the imaginary object to each other to keep each other from being caught
 - When a kid is caught who has the imaginary object, he or she becomes “It” and the game continues.
- Monitor the game. If kids excel at passing the object, “It” may need someone else to work together with in order to catch people.

What You Say:

“In this game, when did people need help? (The kids about to be caught, maybe the kid who was “It” needed help) It was very important, if you wanted to help someone, to be watching what was going on with other people. [Transition] In our story today, there was a group of friends who weren’t just focused on themselves. They were looking for opportunities to work together to help someone else. Let’s head to Large Group to hear what the group of friends did.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10–9:45 | 10:40–11:15 | 12:10–12:45 – LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Key Question: *Who do you know who needs help? Before you can meet someone's need, you need to see that a need exists. We hope that our preteens become aware of the needs of people around them. Once they see those needs, they can cooperate with friends and trusted adults to help them.*

9:45–10:05 | 11:15–11:35 | 12:45–1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. Bible Story Extension

[Bible Story Review]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Bibles, mobile device, “Picture This” Activity Page, colored pencils

What You Do:

- Ask: Who was in the Bible story we heard during Large Group? (Paralyzed man, friends, Jesus, Pharisees, bystanders, the owner of the house)
- Read the Bible story (Luke 5:17–26, NIV) and encourage kids to visualize that they are one of the people in the story as you read it.
- Review the Bible story from the perspective of the people in the story.
- Encourage kids to discuss how they would respond if they were part of the story. (Use discussion points below to guide the conversation.)
 - After talking, let kids work in groups of 2–3 to create an Instagram post with their response, using the “Picture This” Activity Page.
 - Or use a mobile device to record their re-enactment of the story from each of the different perspectives.
- Potential discussion ideas are:
 - Ask: You are a bystander in the crowd listening to Jesus as all of this goes down—how do you think you would respond? What stands out to you in the story? How do you relay the story to someone who wasn't there? (This would be a great way to review the story before digging deeper)
 - Ask kids to imagine the conversation of the friends as they got close to the house and saw all the people. What do they imagine the friends said when they saw how difficult it was to get near Jesus?
 - Encourage kids to imagine they are the paralyzed man. Ask: What is going through your mind as your friends help you? What is going through your mind as Jesus tells you to stand up?
 - Encourage kids to imagine they are the owner of the house. Ask: What are you thinking as your house fills up with people and now there are people crashing through your roof?

2. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Encourage kids to share a time they needed help and someone worked together with them to help them. Maybe someone helped them study for a class or helped them with their chores.
- Ask: Who do you know who needs help on a regular basis? How could you work together with your friends to help that person?
- Encourage kids to share a time they worked with others to help someone. Maybe a group of friends raised money for a local charity.
- **[Make it Personal] Share about a time when a group of people worked together to help you. Maybe they did something to encourage you. Maybe you had surgery or were sick and friends took turns bringing you meals and taking care of you.**

3. Verses to Take With You

[Memory Verse Activity]

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Encourage kids to look up and read the memory verse, Ecclesiastes 4:9.
- Discuss:
 - What are the benefits of working together to help someone?
 - What are situations where this verse could be applicable in your life? When is it better to have two people working together to help someone?
 - What can you do to remember and apply this verse to your life this week? To remember to look for opportunities to work with someone to help others?

4. Make It Personal with Prayer

[Application Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Index card, pencils, markers

What You Do:

- Review ways you discussed today as how you could work together to help someone. Did one of the ideas talked about during group speak to you? Is there someone you know who may need some extra help this week?
- Give kids an index card.

- Instruct kids to write the memory verse on one side and a prayer to God on the other side.
 - Maybe they want to pray for someone in their life who needs help
 - Maybe they ask God to help them see opportunities to work with others to help someone.
- Encourage kids to thank God for times that He has sent people to help them when they
- needed it.
- Challenge kids to pray each day for someone they know who might need help.
- Close in prayer.

What You Say:

“God, You are always there when we need You and Your Word shows us how important it is to work together to help others. The man in our story today had great friends! His friends supported him and worked together to bring him to Jesus for healing. Help us to be great friends! Open our eyes to see opportunities to work together to help others. Amen!”