



WEEK TWO - NOVEMBER 2018

Bible Story: *We Could Be Heroes • Exodus 17:8-13*

Bottom Line: *Work together to help someone succeed.*

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 do alone.*

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

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: Next, we look at Exodus 17:8-13, at a time where Joshua was leading the Israelites in a fierce battle against the Amalekites. When Moses held up his staff, the Israelites were able to win the battle. When Moses got tired, Aaron and Hur came to the rescue and helped hold up his arms. The Israelites win the battle because of how they all cooperated together.

Just like Hur and Aaron, it's important for a child to realize that working together isn't just about doing something for yourself. You can work with other people to help them win at life too.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

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

What You Need: Paper/Pencils/Crayons

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids as they arrive and ask them about their week.
- Pass out the paper and pencils.
- Instruct the kids to use the pencils to draw a picture of someone helping someone else.
- Once the drawings are finished, they can color them with the crayons.
- Allow time for kids to share their drawings with the rest of the group.
- Questions to ask as they're drawing:
 - Can you think of a time this week when someone helped you?
 - Was there a time this week when you helped someone else? How?
 - Have you ever thought about helping but then didn't follow through? Why?

What You Say:

"In our Bible story today, we'll hear about a lot of people who needed help, and that help came in a way you wouldn't normally expect. Let's head to Large Group to find out what happened."

Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Handshake Verse

[Memory Verse Activity]

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

What You Need: Bibles, paper, pencils, smart phone (optional)

What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to pair up and review Ecclesiastes 4:9 in their Bibles.
- Challenge the pairs to create their own handshake/chant using the words of the verse.
- For some inspiration, you can show the kids this video on your smart phone: <http://bit.ly/2uzdrND>
- Give kids a few minutes to create their handshake and then let each pair share their handshake with the group as you review the verse together.

What You Say:

"I LOVE your hand shakes! Each of them was so unique. You know what's true about a handshake? It takes two people! Two are better than one for sure. I'm so glad God made us for relationships. So remember this week, when you're at home or at school or playing in your neighborhood, look for opportunities to [Bottom Line] work together to help someone succeed."

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Index cards, pencils

What You Do:

- Pass out the index cards and ask the kids to write their names in the center on ONE side of the card.
- Collect and shuffle the index cards and instruct each kid to select one card (not their own!).
- Explain that one way we can help others succeed is by praying for them. The person listed on their card is the friend they will pray for this week.
- Quickly go around the circle and let each kid share one thing they need prayer for. (Encourage shorter and more personal prayer requests by asking kids to share something that needs prayer either for themselves or someone who lives in their home.)
- Encourage the kids to pay attention and write down the prayer request of the friend listed on their card.
- Let the kids to pray silently for a few moments.
- Close the group in prayer (see below).
- Instruct the kids to take these cards home and place them somewhere they'll see them and be reminded to pray for their friend this week.

What You Say:

*“Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and for giving us good friends. Thank You for the friends listed on our cards. Help us to remember to pray for these friends this week. We want to **[Bottom Line] work together to help someone succeed.** But we definitely need Your help with that. Thanks for always hearing us when we pray. We love you. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share their handshakes with their families while repeating this month’s memory verse.