



WEEK TWO – DECEMBER 2018 – SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Someone Like You* • Luke 1:26–56 (Supporting: Luke 1:5–25)

Bottom Line: *God can use anyone to meet others' needs.*

Memory Verse: *“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die, but will have eternal life.” John 3:16(NIRV)*

Life App: *Compassion – Caring enough to do something about someone else's need*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: Next, we look at Luke 1:26–56, when Gabriel came and made a huge announcement to Mary. God was about to rescue the world through Jesus, and she had an important role to play. Mary was overwhelmed by God's love for the world and the part she got to play by fulfilling God's plan to send a Savior.

8:50–9:00 | 10:20–10:30 | 11:50–12:00 – EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

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

What You Need: Butcher paper; markers

What You Do:

- Tell kids to gather around the butcher paper and markers.
- Encourage them to write down as many people as they can think of who meet their needs on a daily or weekly basis.
- As they write, ask them what those people do to meet those needs.

2. Compassion Profiles

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

What You Need: “Compassion Profile” Activity Pages; markers

What You Do:

- Hand out the Activity Pages and explain that kids are going to create a “compassion profile” of themselves, similar to a character profile an author might create.
- Instruct kids to make the person look like they do and write down personal traits for each of the four categories listed in the box.
- Collect kids’ papers to use again after Large Group

What You Say:

*“Those are some great traits you listed on your compassion profiles. I like how there’s such a variety of talents, strengths, and likes within our group. I bet those things that describe you could be important in some way. **[Transition] Let’s go to Large Group to find out more about that.**”*

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *God can use anyone to meet others' needs.* For whatever reason, kids may feel like God can't use them to show others His love. We hope they see through the story of Mary, that God can use anyone to show His compassion to the world.

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

1. God Can Use Me

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: “Compassion Profiles” from earlier; markers

What You Do:

- Hand kids' papers back out.
- Allow a minute or two for kids to share their papers with the kids around them and talk about what makes them who they are.
- Explain that you're going to list ways God can use people to meet others' needs.
- After each one, they can call out something from their profile that would qualify them to help meet that need and then explain how they can use that quality to meet the need.
 - *Note: Make sure to explain that it's okay if there are some things they wouldn't be good at or enjoy. Remind kids that God made each of us different for a reason. Everyone won't be good at everything. Therefore no one will be able to meet all the needs listed.*
- Ways to Meet Others' Needs:
 - Make a card for someone in the hospital.
 - Set up a lemonade stand in the front yard to raise money for missions.
 - Help your mom decorate for your sibling's birthday party.
 - Help a little kid learn to go down a slide.
 - Sing songs at a nursing home to bring happiness to the residents.
 - Help your teacher organize a messy bookshelf.
 - Help your dad make a new fire pit area in the backyard.
 - Take part in a bike race to support a cause you believe in.
 - Cook a meal for a neighbor who just had a baby.
 - Feel free to add other needs, based on what you know personally about the kids in your group.

What You Say:

“God created each of us uniquely to do the things He made us to do. Some of us are good at some things and others are not. But those people have other things they're good at. We can't all be good at everything, right? So keep thinking about all the ways God has created you to be

able to meet others' needs, and then think of how you might actually do some of them. Don't wait for someone else to tell you what you can do to meet others' needs. Take the initiative and do it yourself! [Bottom Line] God can use anyone to meet others' needs, and that includes you and me!" (Collect kids' profiles to use again during Prayer.)

2. Light Write

[Memory Verse Activity]

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

What You Need: Flashlight; Bibles

What You Do:

- Hand out Bibles and flashlight
- Guide kids to look up John 3:16 in their Bibles.
- Assign a word or phrase from the verse to each kid.
- Instruct kids to use the flashlight to write their word/phrase (by tracing its outline) on the floor or wall.
- Let them practice a few times, all at the same time.
- Then tell them to "light write" the words in order.
- Repeat several times, encouraging kids to go faster each time.
- You might want to mix things up by putting kids in a random order (instead of them standing in order of the verse) or by reassigning words/phrases after a couple rounds.
- Collect kids' flashlights to use again next week.

What You Say:

"Today we're learning that [Bottom Line] God can use anyone to meet others' needs. But who did He use to meet our greatest need? (Pause.) Of course! Jesus met our greatest need, as we read in our memory verse. God loved us SO MUCH that He sent Jesus to die for us so that we can believe in Him and live with Him forever. And you know what else? God can use all of us to tell others about how Jesus met our greatest need. It doesn't matter what you're good at or not good at. It doesn't matter what you like or don't like—ALL of us can tell others about how God had compassion on us and sent Jesus."

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: "Compassion Profiles" from earlier

What You Do:

- Hand out the profiles again.
- Instruct kids to take a minute to silently pray.

- They should ask God to help them use their talents and likes to meet others' needs.
- Encourage them to ask God to show them practical ways they can do so.
- Close with the prayer below.

What You Say:

“God, thank You for making each of us unique. Help us all to use the talents, skills, and likes you’ve given us to meet the needs of the people in our lives. Show us ways we can do that every single day. Help us to be people who show Your love by the way we love others. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask kids about their “Compassion Profiles” and how those will help them meet others’ needs. Also, hand out the weekly Parent Cue card.