



WEEK ONE – FEBRUARY 2019

Bible Story: Gotta Serve Somebody (Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet) • John 13:1–17

Key Question: Why should you serve others?

Bottom Line: Serve others because of what Jesus did for us.

Memory Verse: “Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, ‘Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone.’” Mark 9:35, (NirV)

Life App: Service—Lending a hand to help someone else

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: We start the month in John 13:1–17 where Jesus offered an incredible example of service. When the disciples show up to the meal with Jesus, their feet would have been dirty from walking the roads of Jerusalem. Their feet would have been disgusting! Instead of allowing a servant to come and wash their feet, Jesus took a basin and a towel and did the work Himself. The disciples were astonished that their Lord would stoop to such a level.

When we need that extra measure of strength to do what it takes to help others in need, we can remember all that Jesus did for us. He not only lived a life a service, but He gave His life as the ultimate example of service. We reflect His character when we serve the people around us.

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

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

What You Need: “Check Please” Activity Pages, pens or pencils

What You Do:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the For Everyone box on the wall near the main entrance
- Give each kid a check and a pen or pencil.
- Ask, “If you could order any food from any restaurant, what would it be?”
- Instruct them to write down everything they would love to order on their check.
- Encourage them to share their ideas aloud with the group.

What You Say:

[Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about someone who did something pretty amazing with water. What He did may seem challenging for us, but we will learn why it was worth it to Him. Let’s head over and find out what it was!”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

*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. Service Up

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: Diner hats, labels, markers, decorating materials

What You Do:

- Give every kid a hat and a label.
- Encourage kids to place the label on one side of their hat.
- On the other side, ask them to write one way they will serve someone this week.
- Allow time for kids to decorate their hats.
- Instruct kids to sit in a circle. Encourage each to say share how they want to serve someone this week and what made them think of that idea.

What You Say:

*“You all have the most creative ideas to serve people! One of the best ways we can continue to learn how to serve others is to study how Jesus did it. Can you think of other examples from the Bible of ways Jesus served others? (This may be a difficult question for your group, so allow time for them to process and come up with ideas.) He set the best example by all He did for us. We can always be inspired to **[Bottom Line]** serve others because of what Jesus did for us.”*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask kids to close their eyes and think of something Jesus has done for them that they are really thankful for.
- Together as a group, pray and thank Jesus for what He has done, and ask for help to live a life of service like Him.

What You Say:

*“Jesus, we are so thankful for all You have done for us. There are so many wonderful things You’ve done, we wouldn’t ever be able to keep count. May the many ways You’ve served and loved others inspire us to do the same. Let us be reminded this week to **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.** We love You. We pray this in Your name, amen.”*

As adults arrive to pick up, have each kid take off their diner hat and hold it up high. Prompt each kid to share how they are going to serve someone this week and remind them that they can **[Bottom Line] serve others because of what Jesus did for us.** Also, don’t forget to hand out this month’s content overview to each parent!