



WEEK FOUR – FEBRUARY 2019

Bible Story: *Secret Service* ▪ Matthew 6:1–4

Bottom Line: *Serve others without looking for applause.*

Memory Verse: “Jesus sat down and called for the twelve 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 NIV

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 close out the month with Matthew 6:1–4. During this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus explains that when we serve or give it shouldn't be in a way that is showy and puts all of the attention on ourselves. Rather than making a big deal about our own acts of service, He says to give to others in secret.

Typically, when we do something for someone else, we want everyone to know what we did. After all, having others compliment us feels good. But we hope that kids start to understand that when we decide to give in secret, the act of service becomes totally about the other person and not themselves.

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: N/A

What You Do:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the “For Everyone” box on the wall near the main entrance
- Guide kids to sit in a line. (Kids who arrive as you play can join the end of the line.)
- Whisper a tongue twister into the ear of the first child in line. You might say:
 - Alien alligators ate ice cream on the airplane.
 - Mini monsters munched marshmallows at the movies.
 - Cute caterpillars chewed crunchy cupcakes in church.
- Each child whispers the phrase into their neighbor’s ear until it reaches the last child in line.
- The last child says the word or phrase out loud so everyone can hear it . . . and laugh at how much it’s changed

What You Say:

“You guys did a great job giving secretly and quietly! [Transition] In Large Group we’ll hear how Jesus wants us to give to others. Let’s go learn more.”

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)

1. Left Hand, Right Hand

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: Paper plates, markers or crayons

What You Do:

- Briefly unpack the phrase “don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” Use the conversation below as a guide.
- Give each child a paper plate, and set out the markers.
- Guide kids to trace both their left and right hands onto their plates multiple times, creating a colorful line tangle.
- Kids can take their creations home as reminders to **[Bottom Line] serve others without looking for applause.**

What You Say:

“When Jesus said: “Be careful not to do good deeds in front of other people” (Matthew 6:1 NIV), He meant that we shouldn’t serve others just to be noticed or liked. Instead, He said: “When you give to needy people,

*don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3 NIV). That means that you should give in secret, and **[Bottom Line] serve others without looking for applause or praise.***

*"Take your paper plates home and let them remind you that God wants you to **[Bottom Line] serve others without looking for applause.**"*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Guide kids to gather around you and think quietly about how they can serve someone this week without that person knowing it was them. Give an idea or two.
- Invite a child to open the Bible where marked.
- Read Matthew 6:1-4 as a prayer over the kids.

What You Say:

"Lord, please help us find ways to do that this week. We love You. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen."

*As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell their parents today's Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] Serve others without looking for applause.***