



WEEK TWO – FEBRUARY 2019 – SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Give Love • 1 Peter 4:10–11*

Bottom Line: *Look for ways to serve others*

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*

Summary: Next, we look at something Peter wrote in 1 Peter 4:10–11. He reminded people in the early church how God’s Holy Spirit gave each of them a spiritual gift. These gifts are not for our own benefit. Rather, they should be used to benefit everyone. When we use those gifts, we can point others to Jesus.

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: Word Search Puzzles

What You Do:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the For Everyone box on the wall near the main entrance
- Encourage kids to get into groups of two or three as they arrive and work through the word search puzzles.

2. I Spy

Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: Paper; Marker or Pencil

What You Do:

- Invite each child to find a partner.
- Give each pair a piece of paper, and a pencil or marker.
- List items around the space to do I Spy.
 - Play a few rounds as time permits
- Encourage kids to write or draw the items they find

What You Say:

*“You guys did a great job looking for all the items. **[Transition]** In Large Group, we’ll hear about something GOD wants us to look for. Let’s go learn more.”*

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: *Look for ways to serve others. Kids are just becoming aware of the needs around them. As leaders, we can help them notice the people around them who may have a need they can meet. God gives gifts to everyone who follows Jesus they can use to give back and help others know Jesus.*

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

1. I've Got This

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: “I've Got This” Activity Pages, markers

What You Do:

- Give every kid an “I've Got This” activity page
- Encourage kids to write the different gifts they believe God has given them inside their person. Give them examples and explain that this could mean anything like teaching, helping, encouraging, singing, dancing, playing soccer, joy. (Focus not only on spiritual gifts but characteristics and things they enjoy doing that they believe God has gifted them to do.)
- After this is completed, encourage them to design their person to look just like them.
- Ask kids who would like to share what gifts they wrote down. (Allow as many to share as possible.)
- Ask kids if anybody could say what they think someone else in the group is gifted in. (Allow time and space for kids to encourage one another.)

What You Say:

“You all really are a gifted group of people! I love hearing your stories and watching you use the different gifts God has given you. You know, we not only need to [Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others but we also need to look at ourselves. God has given all sorts of gifts to us. He gave us these gifts so we can use them to serve people around us. He made us the way we are for a reason. This week, remember that God created you the way He did so that you can do awesome things in this world.”

2. Look to Serve

[Application Activity]

Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play

What You Need: “Look to Serve” Activity Pages, markers, pencils, or crayons

What You Do:

- Give each child an Activity Page.
- Invite kids to describe what they see in the pictures.
- Point out the example and invite kids to tell why the pictures go together.

- Guide kids to find all the pictures that go together and draw lines to connect them.
- As time remains, lead kids to pantomime the acts of service shown.

What You Say:

*“You guys did a great job looking for the ways to serve others. Every day you can **[Bottom Line]** look for ways to serve others, too. When you see that the trash can is full, what can you do? (I can take out the trash.) When you see that your grandma is almost done getting supper ready, what can you do? (I can set the table; I can wipe the table; I can help my little brother wash his hands.) When you see that your mom or dad are bringing in the groceries, what can you do? (I can hold the door open for them; I can help them carry them in; I can help put them away.) How else can you **[Bottom Line]** look for ways to serve others?”*

*“Great ideas! Wherever you go this week, **[Bottom Line]** look for ways to serve others.”*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: “Look to Serve” Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Ask kids to think of one gift they wrote down on their person.
- Encourage them to say it aloud to the group.

What You Say:

*“God, we thank You so much for giving us gifts and longing to use us in other people’s lives. I pray that this week we would keep in mind the one gift we just talked about and **[Bottom Line]** look for ways to serve others using that specific gift. We love You! In Jesus’ name, amen!”*

*As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids, “What can you look for this week?” and guide them to respond, “I can **[Bottom Line]** look for ways to serve others.”*