



WEEK TWO – FEBRUARY 2019 – KINDER/FIRST

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: N/A

What You Do:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the For Everyone box on the wall near the main entrance
- Before kids arrive, turn yourself into a human “What’s wrong with this picture?” by removing an earring (perhaps wear large earrings to make this more obvious), wearing your glasses upside down, leaving your shoes untied/unbuckled, putting your shirt on backwards and your shoes on the wrong feet, and other quirks.
- When kids notice that something’s amiss with your attire, challenge them to look carefully and find all of your fashion faux pas.

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. Ways to Serve

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: “Ways to Serve” Activity Pages, Play-Doh®, dry-erase boards, dry-erase markers, timer on mobile device

What You Do:

- Lead kids in a Cadoo®-style game that’s power-packed to review and reinforce today’s lesson.
- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Set the Play-Doh, paper, and markers (or dry erase boards and markers) to the side. (This will reduce the temptation for little fingers to play with them throughout the game.)
- Choose a volunteer to reach into the bag and pull out a card. Help him “read” the card aloud.
- Cue the group to begin the challenge by saying, **[Bottom Line] “Look for ways to serve others.”** Start the timer or stopwatch.
 - *(If you use a timer, allow 30 to 45 seconds to complete the challenge. Base the allotted time on your group’s abilities.)*
- For the sculpting and drawing challenges, invite volunteers to share their “solutions” with the group.
 - *(Note: Some kids are more natural introverts. It’s okay if not everyone shares a solution.)*
 - **[Make It Personal] (Participate in the sculpting and drawing challenges with the kids. Share your “solutions” with them.)**
- If time allows, play a second round.

What You Say:

“Service is doing whatever you can do to serve others. And there’s ALWAYS someone to serve if you just look a little closer. So when you go home, look around. Who needs help? Does your dad need help folding the clothes? Does your mom need help doing the dishes? Do your

brother or sister need help finishing their chores so they can play? Wherever you are, look around. There are always people who need a hand.

*“And here’s the good news. Jesus’ disciple Peter wrote: Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others (1 Peter 4:10 NIV). When you believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps you serve by giving you special skills. The Bible teaches us there are all kinds of gifts the Holy Spirit gives—gifts like teaching, helping, giving, leading, or having faith. And whatever gift God gives you, you can use your gift to serve others. So here’s the one thing to remember today: **[Bottom Line] Look for ways to serve others.**”*

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:

- Guide kids to look at their Activity Pages and point to a picture that shows a person or a way they'll look to serve this week.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids in prayer.

What You Say:

“Every day, you can [Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others. You can look for ways to serve others at home, you can look for ways to serve others at school, you can look for ways to serve others in your neighborhood. Everywhere you are, you can [Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others. Let’s pray.

*“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be a servant of all. Please remind us to **[Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others** with the gifts You’ve given to us. We love You. We pray this 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.”