



## GETTING READY

### 1. Opener/Closer

#### What You Need:

- Host
- 1950s-style waiter or waitress costume for Host
- Host's phone
- One whole small group
- Diner hat for the Small Group Leader
- Apron for the Small Group Leader
- Food service gloves for the Small Group Leader
- Menu Page (printable LGV; see "What You Do")
- Food Cards (printable LGV; see "What You Do"); five of each page
- Clothesline or rope with clothespins
- Table

#### Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- "Mashed Potatoes" by Nat Kendrick & the Swans

#### Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Service Slide
- Menu Slide
- Menu Page (printable)
- Food Cards (printable)
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

#### Optional Videos (available for purchase through the 252 Media Package):

- Theme Loop Video
- Countdown Video
- Theme Video
- Life App Video
- Theme TransBack Video

### **What You Do:**

- Print at least four copies of each of the Food Cards. These can be found in the file labeled "04\_1902\_LG\_Asset\_K3\_W2" on the curriculum downloader.
- Hang the clothesline behind the table where the Leader will be "cooking."
- Print the Menu Page on cardstock. The kids on stage will use this to place their orders. The Menu Page can be found in the document labeled "04\_1902\_LG\_Asset\_K3\_W2."
- Hang one of each Food Card on the clothesline. Place the rest of the cards on the table.

## **2. Bible Story**

### **What You Need:**

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Table
- Three boxes (see "What You Do")
- Wrapping paper
- Three gift bows
- Furniture polish
- Cloth
- Small dry erase board
- Dry erase marker
- Small first aid kit (clearly labeled)

### *Large Group Visuals:*

- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

### **What You Do:**

- Place the furniture polish and cloth inside the first box.
- Write "2+2=4" on the dry erase board and place it inside the second box.
- Place the first aid kit inside the third box.
- Wrap the three boxes with the wrapping paper and bows. (You may want to use boxes with separate lids and wrap the lids separately, to make it easy for the Storyteller to open them.)

## **3. Worship**

### **What You Need:**

- UnShakeable Love
- Who You Say I Am - short version

# Give Love

**Bible Story:** Give Love (Meet People's Needs) • 1 Peter 4:10-11

**Bottom Line:** Look for ways to serve others.

**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, NIV*

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

**Basic Truth:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

## **Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)**

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

**SFX:** *Play high-energy music as kids enter.*

**CG:** *Theme Slide*

### **Opener**

**HOST:** "Hi, everyone! I'm so glad you're here today. Welcome to the [your environment's name] Diner. My name is [your name], and I'll be serving you today.

"All month long we're talking about service.

**CG:** *Service Slide*

**"Service is lending a hand to help someone else.**

"Serving others can be really fun, but it's not always easy. I'll show you what I mean with today's game. I need one whole small group to play. We'll see how good you are at following directions!

*Bring up one entire small group, including their Leader.  
Have them stand in a straight line across the stage.*

*(To Leader)* "[Leader's name], you'll be our chef.

*Give the diner hat, apron, and food service gloves to the Leader.*

"You can head over here into your kitchen.

*Bring the Leader over behind the table with the food cards, in front of the clothesline. Point to the cards on the clothesline.*

“It looks like you’re cooking up lots of good food back here—cheeseburgers, fries, hot dogs, grilled cheese, milkshakes, and apple pie!

*(To audience)* “Here’s a menu. *(Hold up the Menu Page.)* We’ve got it on the screen, too.

**CG: Menu Slide**

*(To the kids on stage)* “The rest of you will work together to take each other’s food orders. Then you’ll serve them to each other as quickly as possible . . . because everyone likes to get their food FAST!

“For example, we’ll start with [kid who’s closest to the Leader]. He’ll listen to [second kid’s name] and take her order. *(Hand the Menu Page to the second kid.)* Let’s say she wants a milkshake. [First kid’s name] will run over to Chef [Leader’s name]’s kitchen and ask [him/her] for a shake. Chef [Leader’s name] will give [first kid’s name] a shake to bring back to [second kid’s name].

*Hold up one of the milkshake pictures from the Leader’s table. Bring it over to the second kid, just as a demonstration. (Then put it back.)*

“Then it’s [second kid’s name]’s turn to take [third kid’s name]’s order and run up to Chef [Leader’s name]’s kitchen to get it for him. Make sense? We’ll keep going through the whole group until everyone has the food they want. And by the way, [last kid’s name], you might be last in line, but you get to serve someone too. You get to serve [first kid’s name]! When [first kid’s name] gets his food at the very end, you’ll be done.

“Let’s see how fast you can serve! On your mark, get set, GO!

**SFX: “Mashed Potatoes” by Nat Kendrick & The Swans**

*Keep time on your phone. Cheer for the kids as they play the game. Help them along the way if necessary. If you run out of a certain kind of food card, ask the kid who’s “serving” to take another order (“We’re all out of fries. Can you see if she’ll take some pie instead?”). Once the last kid in line successfully serves the first kid in line, congratulate the kids and end the game.*

“That was absolutely amazing! You all served everyone on your team in less than [number] minutes! Way to go, team!

*Dismiss the kids and Leader to their seats.*

“Now let’s all stand up and get ready to sing and worship God. He’s always there to help us!”

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

## **Announcements**

*Use this as an example of what to say. Make it your own and help the kids feel welcomed. Then take a moment to share any/all announcements.*

**HOST:** “I’m so excited to be here with all of you today and get a little crazy! If it’s your first time here, I want to welcome you and I would love to have a chance to meet you and get a high-five! Your group leaders are here almost every week... they’re pretty amazing. Here at Mission, we believe that this is a place for you and you belong here no matter who you are or what you believe. At the core of who we are as a church, we believe that **JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!**

“I have just a few announcements for you all today...

*Share any/all announcements.*

“One of the things we do each week to help us focus on God is to sing... some of you will know the words to the songs, so we want you to shout and sing them out really loud. If you don’t know the words... they’ll be on the screen for you. Feel free to clap, jump, sing and shout along with us! The best part about this is the message of the song and how good God is! Let’s all stand up and sing together!”

*Worship Leaders enter. Host exits.*

## **Worship**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Thank you, *[Name of Host]*. Let’s get up and get loud as we sing and dance for who God is and what he’s done for us!

### **Unshakeable Love**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “That was amazing! (Take a moment to say something about the next song). So let’s give everything we have and worship God together!

### **Who You Say I Am - short version**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *PRAY*

*Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

### **CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide**

## SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** “Hi, everyone! It’s so great to see you all here today. I’ve been really excited to tell

**STORYTELLER:** “Hi, everyone! I bet you’re wondering what these gifts are for. Well, you’re about to find out. For now, I’ll set them down right here.

*Put the gifts on the table.*

“We’re talking about service this month, and we know that God wants us to be willing to serve each other. There’s actually a letter in the Bible that talks about that. We call it the book of 1 Peter. Any guesses who wrote it? (*Pause for response.*) Right. Peter, one of Jesus’ closest friends. Here’s what Peter wrote.

*Open the Bible to 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NirV) and read.*

**“God’s gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully. If anyone speaks, they should do it as one speaking God’s words. If anyone serves, they should do it with the strength God provides. Then in all things God will be praised through Jesus Christ.**

“Peter wrote these verses to a group of people who were followers of Jesus. He wanted to encourage them because they were going through a tough time. Peter wanted to remind them to show Jesus’ love in everything they said and did.”

## It’s all about me

**STORYTELLER:** “Have you ever noticed that when things aren’t going your way, it’s the only thing you can think about? Sometimes, when I’m upset about something, it can feel like the world stopped turning and the only thing that matters is what’s happening with me. It’s so easy to only focus on ourselves and what’s happening in our lives.

“For example, let’s say you were supposed to hang out at your best friend’s house, but then something happened and your mom had to cancel. You’d be so upset! Or if you were watching your favorite team on TV and they lost the championship game, you’d be SO disappointed. It would be hard to even think about anything else.

“When we’re going through hard times, we tend to forget about other people and what THEY need. We start to focus only on ourselves.”

## look around you

**STORYTELLER:** “But wait a minute. Just because we might not be thinking as much about what other people are going through, does that mean they don’t have any problems? Does that mean their lives are perfect? (*Pause for response.*) Not at all!

“Our friends and family go through hard times just like we do. But sometimes we get so distracted by what’s happening in OUR lives that we don’t even notice when someone else is having a hard time, too.

“That’s exactly why Peter wrote those words we read earlier from the Bible. Peter wanted to remind his friends to keep their eyes open and **[Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others.**”

*Walk over to the table with the gifts on it.*

### **spiritual gifts**

**STORYTELLER:** “Raise your hand if you like to receive gifts. *(Pause for response.)* Yeah, I think we all do! I get so excited when someone gives me a gift and I get to open it—like at Christmas or on my birthday. It’s so fun!

“When someone gives you a gift, usually it’s meant JUST for you. It’s something that you really love or something that you really need. It could be a game system, a Hot Wheels® track, a JoJo Siwa™ bow, or a cool new pair of shoes.

“Well, God has given us some gifts that are NOT meant just for us. You see, when we put our trust in Jesus and decide to follow Him, God gives us His Spirit. The Spirit gives us special gifts that help us love and serve others.

*Walk over to the wrapped gifts on the table. Open the first box and pull out the bottle of furniture polish and cloth.*

“Maybe God gave you the gift of serving. You’re great at seeing things that need to be done and doing them. You notice the coffee table is looking pretty dusty. So, without being asked, you go get the furniture polish and clean it off. Or you notice when someone has their arms full and can’t open the door, so you run over to open the door for them. You might have the gift of serving.

*Open the second box and pull out the whiteboard with the math problem written on it.*

“Maybe God gave you the gift of teaching. When you learn something new, you understand it clearly and quickly. You’re really great at helping others understand, too. You often help your friend who’s having a hard time in math by making it easier to understand. You help your little brother learn things, like how to put his plate in the dishwasher. You might have the gift of teaching.

*Open the third box and pull out the first aid kit.*

“Maybe God gave you the gift of mercy. You notice when someone is hurting and you just have to help them! You sit with your classmate who got hurt during kickball and you watch the rest of the game with her. You go get a BAND-AID® and help your mom put it on after she cut herself cooking dinner. You’re great at helping people who are hurting. You might have the gift of mercy.”

### wrapping up THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** “Whatever gift you’ve been given, God gave it to you so that you could use it to serve others. He made you with the ability to serve in your own unique way. That’s exactly what Peter was talking about when he wrote this:

*Open the Bible to 1 Peter 4:10b (NirV) and read.*

*“Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others.*

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

“We need to keep our eyes open and **[Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others.** Say that with me.”

**KIDS and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] “Look for ways to serve others.”**

**STORYTELLER:** “Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

**CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide**

### Pray

**STORYTELLER:** “God, thank You so much for the gifts You’ve given us. Thank You for Peter’s reminder that we should use those gifts to serve others. Help us to show Your love by looking for ways to serve the people around us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

### Closer

**HOST:** “When we follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us serve by giving us special skills. There are lots of gifts the Holy Spirit can give—gifts like teaching, serving, showing mercy, leading, and having faith. You can use whatever gifts God has given YOU to serve others.

“Here’s what we need to remember.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

“We need to **[Bottom Line] look for ways to serve others.**

“After all, God made you. He knows how special you are. He gave you your gifts and talents and your own unique personality. And guess what. He placed you with your friends and family for a reason. He knows that you can use the things that make you YOU as you choose to serve—as you choose to **[Basic Truth] treat others the way you want to be treated.**

“Jesus once told His friends what it means to serve. We can read what He said in Mark, chapter 9, verse 35. It’s our Memory Verse for this month. Check it out.



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**“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” (NirV).**

“It’s clear that Jesus wants us to serve—to lend a hand to help someone else. He wants us to **[Bottom Line]** look for ways to serve others.

**“One of the ways you can serve RIGHT HERE AT MISSION is by being a personal who is welcoming to NEW KIDS each week in your groups. Find ways that you can help your Small Group Leader every week... maybe it’s helping clean up after group time... or setting a good example by listening well during large group time.**

**“Also, each month, we have a chance to give to a ministry called Open Arms and we bring in food for our 3rd Sunday Charities that we support... you can bring something the 3rd Sunday of each month!**

“Remember to always be on the lookout for ways you can serve someone. It’s time for you to head to Small Group now. I’ll see you later!”

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

CG: Theme Slide