



WEEK ONE – APRIL 2020 – K3

Bible Story: *The Way • Matthew 26:36-56 (Supporting: Luke 22:39-46)*

Bottom Line: *Put others first*

Memory Verse: *“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (NIRV)*

Life App: *Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve*

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

Summary: We start off the month in Matthew 26:36–56. Jesus had been with His disciples at a special Passover meal where He demonstrated service and humility as He washed their feet. Afterwards, Jesus led them to the garden to watch and pray. Jesus gave us an important lesson in humility as He prayed to His Father, “Not my will, but Your will.” Jesus was soon arrested and put on trial to humbly face the darkest moments of His life.

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. Icebreakers / Zoom SetUp

What to ask:

- 2 people share: What has been the best thing you have done this week?
- 2 people share: What's one thing you miss being able to do right now?
- Leader share: What is one thing you look forward to during this Zoom call?

What to expect:

- Leader: Set healthy standards for what this group time will look like, how much time you'll spend just catching up, and how much time you'll be engaged with the discussion questions -- NOTE: you want to prompt them to watch the weekend message BEFORE this call so they understand what is being talked about.

Recap the Weekend:

- Leader: Recap the story
- ***Consider having one of your the kids retell the story, then you can fill in the gaps

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

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Bottom Line: *When you don't forgive, you miss out. When we choose not to forgive others, we could miss out on rebuilding a broken relationship. We might miss out on friendships or new, fun memories with our family, or peace in our own hearts. We could also miss out on the joy that God can give us when we choose to show forgiveness.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Prayer Activity

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: Bible; Markers/Crayons/Colored Pencils; Paper

What You Do:

- Grab a Bible
- Assist your kids in finding Philippians 2:3 in their Bibles
- If needed, explain that the Old Testament is all about God's story before Jesus lived. The New Testament picks up God's story when Jesus was born. Philippians 2:3 is part of a letter that a man named Paul wrote to a church in a place called Philippi after Jesus was on the earth. That means Philippians is in the New Testament.
- When everyone has found the verse, read it aloud by asking the kids to repeat it after you as they follow along in their Bibles.
- Distribute paper and markers.
- Working with a partner, ask kids to choose two words they feel are the most important in Philippians 2:3.
- Instruct kids to write one word on the top of their page and the other in the middle.
- When finished, take turns letting partners share the words they chose and why they are important to the meaning of the verse.