



WEEK TWO – APRIL 2020 – K3

Bible Story: *Above All • John 18:12–20:23 (Spt: John 16, Matthew 26)*

Bottom Line: *Jesus put us 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: Jesus and grow in our relationship with Him. For Week Two, we celebrate Easter. We’ll see through John 18:12–20:23, how Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection makes it possible for us to have a forever relationship with God. Jesus humbly gave Himself for us as the ultimate sacrifice to rescue us from the consequences of our sin.

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: *Jesus put us first. This is what Easter is all about. Jesus put us first. He gave up everything He deserved to rescue us from the consequences of sin. Jesus conquered death and is alive! We hope that kids leave with a clearer understanding of how much God loves us and wants to have a relationship with us through His Son*

SMALL GROUP

1. Tomb Echo

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: Bible; Paper Tube

What You Do:

- Grab a Bible
- Ask kids to look up Philippians 2:3.
- Say the memory verse together—a few phrases at a time.
- Remind the kids that when Jesus died, His body was placed in tomb or cave.
- Ask if they've ever visited a cave. What does their voice sound like in a cave?
- Give each kid a paper tube and let them take turns reciting (or reading) the memory verse by speaking through the tube to sound like they're in a cave.
- Challenge the group to share ways they can live out Philippians 2:3 by being humble and giving up what they think they deserve today as they celebrate Easter with their family and friends.

What You Say:

“Jesus was in the tomb for three days, but He didn't stay there. He came back to life. What do you think the voices of the people sounded like when they came into the tomb and found it EMPTY! (Pause and let kids take turns demonstrating by speaking into their paper tubes.) If you had been there, what do you think you would have said? (Pause as kids once again respond.) We can echo our praise for Jesus' power, love, victory, and HUMILITY because we know the whole story. We know that Jesus humbled Himself in order to do something that was absolutely impossible for any of us to do on our own. He endured the cross to pay for our sin and then conquered the grave by coming back to life. He made a way for us to reach God—something we could never do without His help.

“What better way to show our gratitude to the One who rescued us than by following His example! Easter is a perfect day for us to echo our own praises in celebration for all Jesus has done for us. When we do this, we echo His love to others. Let's echo today's Bottom Line together. **[Bottom Line] Jesus put us first.**”