



WEEK THREE – APRIL 2020 – K3

Bible Story: *Lean on Me (Servant Principle) • Philippians 2:3-8*

Bottom Line: *Put others first because Jesus put you 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: In Philippians 2:3–8, Paul explains how Jesus is the ultimate example of humility. As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did . . . He was humble and obeyed God completely. He did this even though it led to his death, (NIRV). As God’s Son, Jesus was equal with God, but instead of using that to His advantage, Jesus put us first and made a way for us to have a relationship with God.

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

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *Put others first because Jesus put you first. When it comes to our interactions with others, we should remember what Jesus did for us. Rather than thinking we're the best or deserve the most, we should remember that Jesus deserved everything but gave it up because He loved us so much. When we put others first, we show them a glimpse of what Jesus did for the entire world.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Prayer Activity

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Index Cards/Paper; Writing Utensil

What You Do:

- Point out that humility is upside down from the way most people live. God wants us to think of others and be willing to put them first. We need God’s help to do that.
- Give each kid an index card and marker.
- Ask everyone to write their name upside down on the index card.
- Exchange cards.
- Use the prayer prompts below to lead kids in prayer for the person whose name is on the card.
- Kids can pray all the prayers for the same person.
 - Thank God for loving your friend so much that He gave him/her Jesus.
 - Ask God to help your friend watch for ways to put others first at home this week.
 - Ask God to help your friend watch for ways to put others first at school this week.
 - Pray for your friend to remember today’s Bottom Line: [Bottom Line] Put others first because Jesus put you first.

What You Say:

“Dear God, it’s not easy for any of us to put others first. Most of the time we’re looking out for ourselves, doing what WE want, making sure we’re okay. But You turned that way of thinking upside down and showed us what it looks like to think of others. Help us this week to follow Your example at home, at school, at church, and everywhere in between. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

2. Optional Bonus Activity

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Play an alphabet game by having kids take turns finishing the following sentence with a name: “I can put [person’s name] first.”
- Begin with a name that starts with A. Then have the next kid add a name that begins with B. The next kid says a name that begins with C, and so on through the entire alphabet.
- Challenge kids to repeat all of the previous names then add a new one for each turn.
 - For example: “I can put Abby, Brock, and Cason first.”
- When someone in the group has a name that starts with the letter the group is on, they can use that name!