



**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

**MADE TO PLAY**

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



*Before kids arrive, take some time to talk with God about your group and how you can best use the time you have to connect with your kids and help them grasp the concept today.*

**JUST FOR FUN**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**By Your Side**

Jesus Talks with a Woman from Samaria  
John 4:1-30, 39-42

**TODAY'S KEY QUESTION**

**Who matters to you?**

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**Show others that they matter.**

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE**

**"The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God."**

Micah 6:8, NIV

**Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's need**

**BASIC TRUTH**

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

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- Gather kids together and sit down.
- Select one kid to stand in front of the group.
- Ask them to strike a pose and hold it for five seconds.
- Instruct the rest of the group to count to five.
- At the count of five, everyone in the group (except the kid striking a pose) should put their head down and close their eyes.
- Quietly tell the kid standing up to change one thing about their appearance.
  - For example, untie their shoes, tuck or un-tuck their shirt, remove glasses, remove a watch, and place it on the other wrist, etc.
- Once the kid has finished changing their appearance, everyone else can open their eyes and try to figure out what has changed.
- The kid who guesses correctly gets to stand in the center of the circle next.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES**MADE TO PLAY**

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**VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Conversation heart candies, cups, Bibles, concordances or a Bible App, mobile device

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Give each kid a cup and a supply of conversation heart candies.
- Challenge kids to see how many heart candies they can flip into their cup in one minute.
- They can flip the hearts using their thumb and index finger, similar to how you would flip a coin when playing Heads or Tails.
- The kid who gets the most candy hearts in their cup is the winner.
- After a few rounds, discuss the words on the candy hearts.
- Ask:
  - How would you describe the messages on the candy hearts?
  - How can our words show others compassion?
- Encourage kids, using a concordance or a Bible App, to find verses showing how our words can show compassion.
- Below are some example verses, but kids can explore their Bibles to find other verses as well.
  - Proverbs 16:24 – *Kind words are like honey. They are sweet to the spirit and bring healing to the body. (NirV)*
  - Ephesians 4:29 – *Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs. Then what you say will help those who listen. (NirV)*
  - Philippians 1:3 – *I thank God every time I remember you. (NirV)*
- Ask kids to read the verses they find to the group. Discuss as a group what the verses tell us about showing compassion.
- Wrap up this activity by reviewing the memory verse, Micah 6:8.
  - Highlight the first part of the verse, *The Lord has shown you what is good. (NirV)*
  - Say: Think of how Jesus interacted with the Samaritan woman. What did Jesus show us that was good?

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WEEK  
**TWO**  
FEBRUARY 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

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### MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**Ask:**

- Read Matthew 22:37-38. Who are your neighbors? Who do you think Jesus would say are your neighbors?
- Why is it important to show others they matter?
- How has someone made you feel like you mattered? What did they do?
- When have you felt lonely or like you didn't matter?
- How can we tell when someone may be feeling like they don't matter? How could we show compassion in those situations?

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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper, pencils or markers, (optional) dry erase board and dry erase markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Write the following sentences one at a time on a paper or white board. Challenge kids to read the sentences:
  - OUR M1ND5 C4N D0 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5!
  - C0mp45510n
  - I L0V3 J35U5!
  - WH0 M4TT3R5 2 Y0U?
- Explain that to make sense of these sentences you had to overlook the fact some of the letters were represented by numbers.
  - However, when it comes to people, Jesus’ taught us we shouldn’t overlook people.
  - Everyone matters to Jesus and as His followers, everyone should matter to us.
- Give kids pencil and paper and encourage them to write a prayer using letters, numbers and symbols.
- Encourage kids to see if they can read each other’s prayers.
- Close with prayer.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“God, Thank You! Thank You for sending Jesus to earth to remind us we matter to You! Thank You for sharing the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman to teach us the important of showing compassion. Help us to be intentional this week to observe people and find opportunities to show compassion to others. We ask this in Jesus’ name, amen.”

