



WEEK
THREE
FEBRUARY 2023

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Give some examples of times when listening is a way to show respect.
- What are some ways you can be like Mary and spend time with Jesus?
- How has someone shown you you're important? How can you do that for someone else?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Will Be Here

Mary and Martha
Luke 10:38-42

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How has someone shown you you're important?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Take time to show others they are important.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Do to others as you want them to do to you."

Luke 6:31, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Respect—Showing others they are important by what you say and do

BASIC TRUTH

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, scissors, markers, , paper sack and Paper

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up and read John 15:12.

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Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Our verse is from John. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (New) So we know it's toward the back of the Bible. It's the last of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). When they find John, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 15. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to them find verses 12 in chapter 15.

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- Repeat the verse as a group several times.
- Ask:
 - How has God shown love for us?
 - How can we use our time to show love to others?
- Form groups of two or three kids.
- Give each group one a piece of Paper with markers.
- Invite groups to each write the words of John 15:12 on the paper using the markers then decorate it.
- Encourage everyone in the group to contribute by either writing some of the words or decorating the paper in some way.
- When finished coloring, tell kids to then take turns cutting the paper into exactly 12 pieces of various sizes of jigsaw puzzle shapes.
- Give the kids about five minutes to work, then ask them to put the puzzle pieces in their paper sack.
- Invite the kids to trade sacks with another group.
- At your signal, tell all the groups to open their sack, dump out the pieces,

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- and race to see who can put their puzzle together first.
- Consider letting the kids take a piece of fabric home as a reminder to use a piece of their time to show others they are important this week.

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: PAPER

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Doodle Board Kit.
- Ask them to draw the numbers of a clock on the Doodle

Board then set the hands of the clock to any time between 8:00 a.m. (morning) and 8:00 p.m. (night).

- Collect the Doodle Boards.
- Gather kids in a circle.
- Hold up one of the Doodle Boards and ask kids to share a way they might give time to someone during that part of the day. It could be for only a minute as they help a younger sibling get shoes on or a longer period of time with someone who needs a friend.
- Encourage and prompt creative ideas then pause and invite kids to pray silently or aloud for God's help to put an idea into action.
- Repeat with each of the Doodle Boards and specific times kids have drawn on them.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, we know that spending time with someone is one of the best ways to show how important they are. Help us show our love and respect to those around us by spending the time we have during the day to let others know they are valuable and important. Remind us that spending time with You is most important. Help us to do that this week by thinking about what we've learned from the stories and principles in the Bible and by talking to You often during the day about all the things going on in our life. In Jesus' name, amen."