



WEEK  
**THREE**  
APRIL 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:

- What does it look like to “put others first” in your family? How about at school?
- What do we see in the world around us that tells us WE are number one and that we must think of ourselves first?
- What are some reasons we would choose to put others first?
- Is it possible to put others first for the wrong motives? What would those motives be and what makes them wrong?

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Brother**

Being Humble Like Jesus  
Philippians 2:3-8

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are some ways  
you've put others first?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Put others first because  
Jesus put you first.

### MONTHLY 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, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

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### MADE TO PLAY

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



### 4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, dice, pens, "Verse Grid" Activity Page

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give partners a Bible, pen, and "Verse Grid" Activity Page.
- Ask kids to look up Micah 6:8. Use the following tip to help kids find the verse.

***Finding verses with 4th-5th graders:** Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.*

- Challenge partners to find five natural breaks in the verse. For example, if using the NIV translation, kids might section the verse as follows:
  - 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.
- Tell teams to write the sections of the verse on the "Verse Grid" using their own words. They can use one of the squares to write the reference, Micah 6:8.
- When finished, let partners share what they wrote.
- Ask:
  - Based on Micah 6:8, what would you say is important to God?
  - If you weren't sure what it means to be humble, what do you see in Micah 6:8 that would help you better understand humility?
  - What are some stories you know of times when Jesus followed the actions described in this verse?
- Explain that when you say GO, kids should roll the die and put an "X" in the box matching the number they rolled.
- They continue to roll their dice until all the boxes have been crossed out.
- The winner is the first team to get all of the boxes crossed out.
- Invite kids to pick one word from Micah 6:8 that they can remember this week as a humility reminder.

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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: No supplies

### WHAT YOU DO:

- As you close out your time, encourage kids to take a moment to sit quietly and give their attention to one of the biggest ways we can show humility: PRAYER.
- Ask kids to think of various postures of prayer, such as kneeling, with arms raised, with hands folded, and so forth.
- Ask how each outwardly displays an inward attitude of humility.
- Remind them that God looks at the heart, not the outward appearance. Humility on the outside must begin with a humble heart on the inside.
- Let kids choose a prayer posture and then join you by echoing in unison the following prayer:

### WHAT YOU SAY:

*"Dear God, thank You for being the perfect example of humility. (pause)  
Help me not to be proud or to think of myself as better than others. (pause)  
Show me ways to put others first because You put us first. (pause)  
Give me an attitude of humility that shows up in the things I say and do. (pause)  
In Jesus' name, amen."*

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