

Alley SG-February 8th-9th, 2020

Bible Story: I'm Yours (Jesus at the Home of Martha and Mary) • *Luke 10:38-42*

Bottom Line: Love others with your time.

Key Question: What keeps you from connecting with others?

Memory Verse: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10 NIV)

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: Bowls of foam heart stickers (2 per group), straws (1 per student), paper plate (1 per student)

What You Do:

- **Give** each of the kids a straw and a paper plate.
- **Split your group into 2 teams** and give each team a bowl of foam hearts.
- **Explain** that teams will compete to see who can transfer the most hearts from the bowls to their plates in one minute, alternating one student at a time.
 - The only way they can move the heart is by sucking through the straw to pick it up.
- **Choose** a winner based on the most hearts moved in 60 seconds.
- **Play** a few rounds as time allows.
- **Collect** the foam hearts for use again for another service.

2. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: Paper plates (1 per student), "Pie Chart Sample" Page (1 per group), Markers

What You Do:

- **Set out** the markers and paper plates.
- **Ask** kids to think about the things they do each day such as chores, activities with friends, school, sports, church, free time, and so on.
- **Show** the example of a pie chart for those who may not be familiar with one.
- **Give** direction as needed to assist kids in thinking through the way they spend their time each day. Help them transfer their activities into the form of a pie chart.
- **Encourage** kids to use colors creatively as they shade/color in each section of the chart. They can use the back of the plate to write out the "key."
- **Invite** kids to brainstorm ways they can use each section of time on their charts to make someone's day better.

What You Say:

"We learned today about a time when Jesus went to the home of His friends, Martha and Mary. Mary sat at Jesus' feet while He talked. Martha was busy with all the things that needed to get done. She complained that Mary wasn't helping, but Jesus answers that what Mary was doing was actually better in this moment than Martha's busyness. We often think that we have to do lots of stuff to help others feel loved. But most of the time, all we need to do is find some time in our days to spend with them or help in simple ways. Mary chose to use her time to listen to Jesus. That was time well-spent."

3. Bible Story Extension

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- **Open** the Bible to Luke 10:38-42.
- **Sit** in a circle and give the Bible to one of the kids.
- **Explain** that they will be passing the Bible around the circle and taking turns reading portions of Luke 10:38-42.
- **Tell kids** to listen for your signal to indicate how they will read when it's their turn.
 - Slow Motion (*Read the verses VERY slowly.*)
 - Fast Forward (*Read as fast as they can.*)
 - Rewind (*Skip back to the previous verse and read from there.*)
 - Pause (*Don't read at all.*)
- **Say "PASS"** every 5-10 seconds then call out a reading style for kids to use.
- **Continue** until the entire passage has been read and all the kids have had a couple of turns reading.
- **Discuss** the story.
 - Picture Mary in today's story. If she could have used a remote to control the way time passed, what do you think she would have changed? What would Martha have changed? What about Jesus?
 - Do you relate more to Mary or Martha in this story? Why?
 - When would it be helpful for you to slow things down or speed things up in your life in order to have time for others?
 - Where can you find time in your day to listen and connect with Jesus?
 - What can you learn from Mary's example? What can you learn from Martha's example?
- **Challenge** kids to look for ways they can connect with Jesus this week by slowing down and giving God their attention as they go through each part of their day.

4. Discussion Questions

- What does this sentence mean to you: "Love others with your time."?
- What are some reasons a follower of Jesus would want to connect with others?
- Why is giving someone our time such a great way to show love?
- What would you say are the biggest reasons we don't share our time with others?
- Why do you think God wants us to spend time with Him?
- When you picture yourself spending time with God, what does it look like?

5. Make it Personal with Prayer

What You Need: Bibles, "Prayer Point" Cards (1 set per group- sent week 1)

What You Do:

- **Sit** in a circle.
- **Invite** the kids to choose a "Prayer Point" sheet, then read what is written on the front and pray silently.
- **Provide** as much time as needed for kids to pray.
- **Ask** kids to indicate they are finished praying by placing their sheets back in middle of the circle.
- **Lead** the group in a closing prayer or invite one of the kids to do so.

What You Say:

"Dear God, help us use our time wisely this week. Remind us to love others by spending time with them. Most of all, help us spend time with You. In Jesus' name, amen."

BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT "COMMUNION CALL"

HAND OUT "GOD TIME" CARDS TO EACH STUDENT BEFORE DISMISSING AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

IF STUDENTS BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE \$3 IN ALLEY CASH!