

City SG—September 11th-13th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Help! (Nehemiah Helps the Poor) • *Nehemiah 5*

Today's Bottom Line: Look for ways to make things right.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord.* Colossians 3:23a (NIRV)

1. Opening Activity

What You Need: "Fun Fact Scavenger Hunt" Activity Pages (1 per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Give every kid a "Fun Fact Scavenger Hunt" Activity Page and a pen.
- Direct kids to go around the group and find someone who fits the description of one of the fun facts on the page.
- Instruct kids to write that kid's name next to the corresponding fact.
- Let kids continue until they find someone who fits the description for each of the facts on the page.
- Names can be used more than once, but no more than three times on each person's sheet.
- If some kids get finished before others, encourage them to help their friends who still need answers.

What You Say:

"You guys did a great job looking hard for the right people! What was your favorite fun fact about someone? (Allow time for responses.) **[Transition]** Today, we learned how we can look hard for something else that is right."

2. Remind Me Right

What You Need: String, beads, scissors

What You Do:

- Give each kid one piece of string.
- Set out the beads.
- Instruct the kids to use the beads to create a phrase on their bracelets that reminds them to show initiative and make things right.
- Provide examples of phrases, such as: "WWJD" (What Would Jesus Do?), "4God," "Make It Right."
- Help each kid tie their bracelet.
- Cut off any additional string.
- Allow each kid to share what phrase they chose to make on their bracelet.
- Encourage the kids to put on their bracelets and look at them throughout their week to remind them to look for ways to make things right.

What You Say:

"I think you will be surprised at just how many opportunities we have to make things right throughout our week. You could see someone getting made fun of and choose to stick up for them. You could see your teacher overwhelmed with piles of papers on her desk and choose to be on your best behavior and encourage others do the same. Maybe you hear of someone who needs help getting clean drinking water in another country or someone who needs help buying groceries, then you choose to give your week's allowance to help them. This week, I want you to wear your bracelets and make it your mission to **[Bottom Line]** look for ways to make things right."

[Make it Personal] (Share about a time you saw someone who needed help and showed initiative to make things right.)

3. Scripture Space Suit

What You Need: “Scripture Space Suit” Page (1 per kid), star cardstock paper (1 per kid), glue sticks, Bibles

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible.
- Together, look up Colossians 3:23a and read the verse out loud.
- Give each kid the “Scripture Space Suit” page, a blank piece of construction paper, and a glue stick.
- Instruct the kids to cut out the spaceman, using the dotted line to make it a puzzle. They can then assemble the pieces by putting the memory verse words in order from the top of the space suit to the bottom and gluing the pieces on the cardstock paper.
- The first kid to put the Bible verse in order and glue the space suit together, wins!

What You Say:

“Wow! You guys are OUT OF THIS WORLD hard workers! There were some parts of the space suit that were tricky to assemble, but you worked hard and completed the mission!”

“There will be missions in life that seem trickier than normal to navigate. Maybe it’s easy for you to show initiative to clean your room, but you find it challenging to stand up for someone who is treated unfairly. Perhaps you think it’s fun to show initiative by helping a friend understand a math question, but it’s difficult for you to know how to help a friend whose family has a hard time buying enough food.

“Our memory verse reminds us that God wants us to work with our whole hearts. That means He wants us to take initiative not just when things are easy for us but also when things are challenging or require the help of a grown-up. The cool thing is that God is with us! Because He wants us to show His love to others and reach out to those who need help, we can be confident that He will help us know how we can use what we have to accomplish these big missions! All we have to do is ask. Even if something seems too big to accomplish, we can always **[Bottom Line] look for ways to make things right!** Now THAT is pretty out of this world!”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Say:

“Dear God, thank You for giving us what we need to help other people! You’ve given us a voice, resources, the ability to pray, and the ability to love people who need it. Whether it’s our neighbor or someone in another country who we’ve never met, You will help us **[Bottom Line] look for ways to make things right!** Please open our eyes and ears to ways we can stand up and help! We want to help make things right for Your glory. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”