

ALLEY SG – April 15-17, 2023

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, (NirV)

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Pens, "Humble Words" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Humble Words" Activity Page and a pen.
- Ask them to circle five words on the page they feel connect with humility in some way.
- If they want to add other words that aren't on the page, allow them to do so.
- When finished, allow kids to take turns sharing the words they chose while explaining the significance of their choices.
- Read Philippians 2:3-8 aloud as kids listen.
- Ask:
 - What do you learn about humility from these verses?
 - Give an example of a time when you put someone else first.
 - Give an example of a time when someone put you first.
 - What are some ways we can follow the example of Jesus in putting others first?
 - Do you think we could ever put others first too much? Why or why not?
- Challenge kids to read Philippians 2:3-8 this week as a reminder to follow Jesus' example by putting others first. If they are a follower of Jesus, God is shaping and molding them to be more like Jesus so that God's love can be shown through them. Remind them that they can put others first because Jesus put them first.

2. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bible, dice (5 per bin), pens, “Verse Grid” Page (one per pair of students)

What You Do:

- Get your group into partners and give them a Bible, a die, pen, and “Verse Grid” Page.
- Ask kids to look up Micah 6:8.
- Go over the five natural sections in the 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.
- Tell teams to write the 5 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.

3. Discussion Questions

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?

4. Verse Shuffle

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Card and Bibles

What You Do:

- Remind kids of our memory verse from this month, *“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
- Instruct the kids to stand in a line.
- Give each kid a card from the “Memory Verse Cards” Activity Page.
 - If you have fewer than eight kids in your group, give a few kids two sequential cards.
 - If you have more, the extra kids can sit out and help the group, then play round 2
- Direct the kids to take turns reading their card(s) aloud, not in order.
- When you say Go, the kids will scramble to try to put the verse in the right order by moving to a new spot in the line before you finish counting to five.
- After you count to five and kids are in a line again, instruct kids to read their cards, this time in order of their line.
- If the verse isn’t in the correct order, count to five again and let kids scramble to get in verse order.
- Continue in this way until the verse is in the right order.
- Count the number of times it takes for the kids to get in memory verse order.
- If time allows, collect the cards, shuffle them, and hand them out again to see if the group can get the verse in the correct order with fewer tries.

5. Make it Personal with Prayer

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 if they choose to, 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.”