

CITY LG - April 15-17, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Brother (Being Humble Like Jesus) • *Philippians 2:3-8*

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)

WORSHIP

At the Top of My Lungs

Won't Let Go

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups

SLIDE: Theme

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, friends! It's great to see you here today because we've got lots of fun things planned. This month, we're talking about a way that we can live based on the way JESUS lived. We can live with humility!"

SLIDE: Virtue

"Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

SLIDE: Theme

"It's tough to put others first instead of putting yourself first. I know I've had a hard time with that before, and I bet you have, too. Humility can be difficult for all of us. But we know that God is there to help us . . . as we grow from the ground up!"

"I've got a game for us to play that will give us some practice in putting others first. It's called 'Sort Yourselves'!"

"First, I'll call out a category. Then I want you to think of your favorite thing in that category. So for example, if the category was ice cream, I would want you to think of your favorite flavor of ice cream. Then, you'll try to find the OTHER people in the room who have the same favorite, by whispering it. It'll be a little wild at first, but I bet we can all find our matches if we work together!"

"For example, my favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate. So I'd walk around whispering 'Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate' until I found someone else who was also saying, 'Chocolate.' Then we'd both keep going together to try to find OTHER people who chose chocolate as well."

“AND we can help each other along the way. So, if I heard two other people saying, ‘Strawberry,’ I could point them out to each other to help them find each other. That’s one way to put others first! If you have an unusual answer, you might end up as the only one in the room. And that’s totally cool. too.

“Okay, are you ready to play? *(Pause.)* Let’s see how quickly we can ALL find our matches and sort ourselves. Remember to whisper and keep your voices low so we can all listen to each other.

“Since our theme is the Community Garden, I think our first category should be the one we asked about last week. What’s your favorite vegetable? Let’s go!

AUDIO: Play Spotify playlist quietly

Watch as the kids sort themselves and find their groups. Comment on how quickly they can do this. After everyone has been “sorted,” call on a group or two and ask them what their answers are.

Call out a new category and play again. You can play, too! Go through as many rounds as time allows. favorite sport, fruit, fast food restaurant, dessert, animal, subject in school, color, movie, etc.

“Wow! You were really good at that! I saw so many of you helping others and putting them first. Great job! Stay on your feet, because it’s time for us to dance and sing as we praise God together.”

Well we are talking about humility and Jesus gave us the greatest example of humility because He put us first when He died on the cross for our sins. Then He came back to life, which is what we celebrated last week at Easter!

“So how do WE live with humility? What does it really mean for us to put other people first? What does that look like in your life—at school, at home, or in your neighborhood? Let’s check out the Story Lab to find out...

VIDEO: Bible Story

“If we ask God for help, God can help us notice the people around us and the things they need. Then we can choose to put other people first, like Jesus did.

Take a look at our bottom line...

VIDEO: Bottom line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Let’s say that together: **“Put others first because Jesus put you first.**

“Remember, Jesus put us first when He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. He made a way for us to live forever with Him!

“And now, we can follow Jesus’ example. We don’t have to just live for ourselves. We can live with humility by treating others the way we want to be treated.

“You’ll get to talk some more about that in Small Group. But before we go, let’s say our memory verse together. This is from Paul’s letter to the Philippians, Philippians 2:3.”

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Let’s read that together: *“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)*

HOST: “Great job! Let’s pray.

“Dear God, thank You so much for Jesus and His example of what it means to put others first. Jesus showed us what humility is really about: that **[Basic Truth] we should treat others the way we want to be treated.** Please show us how we can follow Jesus’ example in our lives each day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

OFFERING:

We are giving our offering to our friends in Mexico through an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries. Unfortunately, many families in Mexico don’t have enough money for food or education. Vida Nueva Ministries is dedicated to overcoming poverty through education. Here is a picture of one of their amazing teachers.

SLIDE: Teacher in Classroom

Vida Nueva has built an entire set of schools in the city of Piedras Negras, where kids of all backgrounds can come and learn. They also receive meals and hear about Jesus. Isn’t that great? So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!

“Great job! I sure have enjoyed hanging out with all of you today. Have fun in Small Group!”