

# CITY SG - 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)

## 1. Be the Mirror

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** Bible

### What You Do:

- Direct the kids to stand in a line facing the same direction.
- Choose one kid to be the "Mirror" and ask them to stand facing the group.
- Instruct the rest of the kids to pick one of the following actions but not share what they chose with anyone:
  - fist under your chin and eyes looking upward as if in deep thought
  - fists on your hips as if displeased with something
- Direct the Mirror to choose an action but not tell anyone what it is.
- When you say "One, two, three, GO," all kids, including the Mirror, perform the action they selected.
- The kids who did not do the same action as the "Mirror" should sit down because they're out for the rest of this round.
- Increase the pace for each round until there is one kid left.
- The last kid standing, wins.
- Invite the last kid standing to be the Mirror for the next game.
- After playing several games, instruct the kids to gather in a circle.
- **\*Open the Bible and read Philippians 2:5 to the group.**
- **\*Ask kids to tell you some things they learned today about what Jesus did or thought.**  
(*Jesus talked to God, asked God for help, spent time with God, went above and beyond to help others, obeyed God by serving others, valued others more than Himself, etc.*)

### What You Say:

"In our game today, we didn't know for sure what action we should pick to match the Mirror. But we do know the actions and thoughts of Jesus. We know Jesus talked to God and asked God for help. We know Jesus put others first. We know it didn't matter if a person was rich, poor, popular or annoying—Jesus spent time with and cared about all people. Jesus showed us how important it is to God to put others first. Philippians 2:5 (NIRV) says that 'As you deal with one another you should think and act like Jesus did.' One way we can think and act like Jesus is to **put others first because Jesus put you first.**"

## 2. Verse Shuffle

*Memory Verse Activity*

**\*Non-Reader Option**

**What You Need:** Memory Verse Cards and Bibles

**What You Do:**

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
  - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse (Philippians 2:3) together.
  - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
- Instruct the kids to sit 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.  
**\*If your group cannot read, the leader should read the cards for the kids.**
- Instruct the kids to listen carefully as the cards are read.
- 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 sitting in a line again, instruct kids to read their cards, this time in order of their line.  
**\*If your group cannot read, read the cards in the order they are standing.**
- 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.

**What You Say:**

“Paying attention to the people around us is important if we want to put others first. Every day, we have opportunities to put aside what we want in order to think and act like Jesus. Jesus humbled Himself and obeyed God by putting others first. Jesus put us first when He died on the cross so we can be with God now and forever. Being humble means putting aside what you want in order to put others first. Thinking of Jesus can help you remember to **put others first because Jesus put you first**. When we show humility, we show others they are important to us and to Jesus.”

## 3. Cross Craft

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** Cross Crafts (one per child)

**What You Do:**

- Give each child a cross craft to complete

- As they are making their craft remind them:

“Jesus gave us the BEST example of humility ever. He obeyed God completely, and He put others first when He gave his life on the cross! Every day, you can look at this cross and remember how God put us first and died for our sins. It can also remind you to look for ways that you can put others first, too. You can look for someone who might need a friend. You can let someone go ahead of you in the bathroom when they really need to go. When your guardian asks you to pick up your room, you can pick up your toys from the living room, too! How else can you put others first? *(share ideas)* It’s not always easy to put others first, but God’s Spirit can help you. You can **put others first because JESUS put YOU first!**”

#### 4. Pray and Dismiss

*Prayer Activity*

**Non-Reader Option**

**What You Need:** Prayer Cards and markers or pens

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid a “Prayer Card” and a pen.
- Instruct the kids to fill in the blanks with their name.
- Invite the kids to write additional prayer requests on the card to share with the group if they want.
  - \*If they have trouble writing, the leader can write their prayer requests on their card.
- Remind kids that talking to God was important to Jesus. One way we can put others first is to pray for them.
- Guide kids to identify when would be a good time to pray.
  - If the best time to pray is in the morning as they brush their teeth, direct them to put their card by their toothbrush to remind them.
  - If the best time to pray is right before they get out of bed in the morning or at night before they go to bed, they can put their card there!
- Encourage kids to share with the group when they will pray for each other.
- Close your group time in prayer.

**What You Say:**

“God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus so we can be friends with You now and forever. This week, help us remember all that Jesus taught us, and help us treat one another the way we want to be treated. Help us pay attention to people around us. We want to put others first because Jesus put us first. Guide us to see opportunities to be humble. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”