

# CITY SG – April 29<sup>th</sup>- May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Today's Bible Story:** Mercy's Shore (Jesus Restores Peter) • *John 21:1-19 (John 18:1-27)*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Put others first by making things right.

**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. Pictionary

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** "Artist Cards", paper (10 sheets per bin), markers or pens

### What You Do:

- Gather the group around the table.
- Lead the kids in a game of Pictionary® where they draw on paper.
- Ask for a kid to volunteer to be the first artist.
- Instruct the artist to pick an "Artist Card" without letting anyone see it.
- Explain that all of the items on the cards are related to the Bible story.
- Direct the artist to draw the picture on a piece of paper.
  - *Feel free to jump in and help the younger kids if they are struggling.*
- Start a 30-second timer (on your phone or count to 30) when the kid starts to draw.
- Instruct the rest of the kids to guess what the picture is before time runs out.
- Once the kids have accurately identified the picture, ask them to share how it relates to the Bible story.
- Give the kid who correctly guesses the opportunity to be the next artist if he/she wants to.

### What You Say:

"Peter messed up when he said he didn't know Jesus. How did Jesus put Peter first and make things right? (*Pause to let kids discuss.*) Jesus made sure that Peter knew they were still friends and that He wanted Peter to take care of the other believers. Jesus put Peter first and like Jesus, there will be times you should **put others first by making things right.**

## 2. First Steps

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** "Make It Right Scenarios" Page (1 per group)

### What You Do:

- Ask kids to stand shoulder to shoulder facing you.
- Lead the kids in a game similar to "Mother May I?"
- Read one of the scenarios from the "Make It Right Scenarios."
- Direct the kids to raise their hands to answer the question.
- Instruct the kids to take a step forward for every example they give.
- After reading all scenarios, comment on how far you can move taking one step at a time.
- Gather the kids together.
- Review a couple of the scenarios that resonated with your group. Consider asking:
  - *Why would it be hard to put others first and make things right? (when you think you have been treated unkindly or unfairly, etc.)*
  - *What can we do when we don't "feel" like taking the first step and making things right? (Guide kids to talk to a trusted grown-up to help them work out what they can do to put others first and make it right.)*

### What You Say:

"It can often be hard to take the first step and **put others first by making things right**. There will be times you don't feel like you should be the one to make things right, or maybe you don't even know what to do to take the first step. There are many ways to put others first by making things right. Maybe you realize you need to apologize for something you said to a friend. Your friend may still be mad, but you have taken the first step to put them first. Maybe your brother annoys you, but you speak to him kindly. He may still annoy you, but you have taken the first step to put him first. Remember that to **put others first by making things right** won't always be easy, but it will help you grow in humility."

### 3. Verse Voices

*Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** 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.
- Say the verse together several times and see if kids can recite it on their own.
- Ask half the kids to say the first part in a certain voice, then let the remaining kids say the second part using the same voice style.
  - High (squeaky) voice
  - Low voice
  - Robot voice
  - Pirate voice
  - Whisper
  - Shout

### What You Say:

"When it's hard to be humble—to put others first—reciting Philippians 2:3 can help remind you to focus on what's important. When we're humble and value others, we let others know they matter!"

### 4. Pray and Dismiss

**What You Need:** Nothing

#### What You Do:

- Ask the group, "Is there someone you need to put first this week?"
- Ask if anyone wants to share their answer.
- Tell the kids you are going to pray and ask God to help us put this person first this week.
- *Option: If any kids shared who they need to put first, be sure to include their specific situation as you close in prayer.*
- Close your group time in prayer.

### What You Say:

"God, there are so many ways we can put others first. Thank You for this group of kids and for the ways they have put others first this month. God, it can be hard sometimes to **put others first by making things right**. Help us this week to be humble and value others above what we think we deserve. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."