

Upside Down: Jesus changes everything

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SMALL GROUP

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BIBLE STORY

Lean on Me
Servant Principle
Philippians 2:3-8

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, NIV

LIFE APP

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

BOTTOM LINE

Put others first because Jesus put you first.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
Leaning Tower of Egg-sa

25
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Live Your Love" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*
"We Believe" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Others First
Look
Upside Down
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- A die (If you have a giant die, that's great!)
- *Optional:* Small prizes appropriate for your environment

LEARNING TOWER OF EGG-SA

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Plastic Easter egg halves; about 30 for every two kids
- Sharable prizes appropriate for your environment; one for each kid
- *Optional:* Game show music

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.

*** 1. OTHERS FIRST****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]**

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Others First" Activity Page; one for each small group

2. LOOK**[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]**

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Chenille stems in a variety of colors; four half-stems and one two-inch piece for each kid

3. UPSIDE DOWN**[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]**

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Memory Verse Puzzle" Activity Page on colorful cardstock and cut apart; one puzzle for every two kids
- *Optional:* Chairs and/or exercise/yoga/stability balls; one for every two kids

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]**

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Thin-tipped, washable markers

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.

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PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

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Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for each kid specifically, by name. Ask God to give them the desire to put others first, the courage to be humble with those who are hard to put first, and to trust God with the rest. Thank God for your church and the opportunity to help your few learn to put others ahead of themselves.

LIFE APP

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, die, small prizes (optional)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the container.
- Guide kids to line up.
- Lead the first child in line to quickly and repeatedly roll the die until she rolls a six.
- As soon as she does, she runs to the end of the line while the next child in line begins the "race to last."
- Add excitement by giving each kid a prize when they successfully move to "last place."

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EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

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2. LEANING TOWER OF EGG-SA

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic Easter egg halves, sharable prizes, game show music (*optional*)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to get into groups of two.
- Give each group a "clutch" of egg halves. Challenge kids to use the eggs to build the tallest freestanding tower possible within a given time. The catch: they must add each half egg to the **BOTTOM** of the tower instead of to the top. (This will take teamwork and patience!)
- If a tower falls, the team must start over.
- When time's up, measure the towers and give the winning team the prize, but with one catch: they must share the prize with the group!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Awesome towers and awesome sharing! **[Transition] In Large Group, we'll hear more about the importance of putting others first. Let's go learn more.**"

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25 MINUTES

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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* 1. OTHERS FIRST

WHAT YOU NEED: "Others First" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Lead kids in a variation of "Mother, May I?"
- Guide kids to line up shoulder to shoulder at one end of your environment while you stand at the opposite end.
- Call out a child's name and read a scenario from the Activity Page.
- For each scenario, encourage the child to tell a way they could put others first. If they're stuck or shy, offer two alternatives and allow them to choose, or let them choose someone to answer for them.
- When they answer, say, "You can **put others first because Jesus put you first**. Choose someone else to move forward [three steps, two hops, one giant step, five baby steps, etc]."
- The game ends when every child reaches you.
- *Variation:* Invite kids to play in pairs. This can help shy or reluctant children enjoy the game more.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What's one way you can put others first this week? (*I can let my sister play with my toys. I can let my friend go first. I can share with kids at school.*) **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids one way you'll put others first this week, too.)**

"It's not always easy to put others first, but when you let go of what you want so that you can put others first, you'll be doing what Jesus did, and that's a GREAT thing! So, remember: **put others first because Jesus put you first!**"

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2. LOOK

WHAT YOU NEED: Pre-cut pipe cleaners

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite each child to choose one two-inch chenille piece and four half stems.
- Show kids how to bend two of the halves into circles, twisting the ends together to secure. These are the rims of their glasses.
- Guide kids to wrap one end of the short piece around one of the circles and the other end around the second circle, creating the "bridge."
- Help them wrap one end of a remaining chenille stem around one rim, opposite the bridge. Repeat on the other side. These are the earpieces.
- Finally, show kids how to curl the ends of the earpieces to hook around their ears.
- **IMPORTANT:** Do a safety inspection of each child's creation. Bend or twist any exposed wire. For comfort, bend back the tips of the earpieces.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This week, we're learning that God wants you to **put others first because Jesus put you first.** How did Jesus put you first? (*Jesus loves me; Jesus came to love me; Jesus died on a cross so that my sins can be forgiven, and I can live forever with God.*)

"So, this week, remember how Jesus put you first and gave His life for you because He loves you SO much. And since Jesus loves you and put you first, let your glasses remind you to love others and look for ways to put them first, too. With God's help, you can do it! We say it this way: **Put others first because Jesus put you first.**"

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3. UPSIDE DOWN

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Puzzles" (Activity Pages); chairs and/or exercise/yoga/stability balls (*optional*)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to get into teams of two.
- Give each team a set of puzzle pieces.
- Challenge kids to work together to put the puzzle together while they're upside down!
- Kids can lie over the seat of a chair, on an exercise ball, or simply stand and bend over. Do whatever works for your environment.
- When teams finish, read the verse aloud with the kids.

MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Philippians 2:3 says: *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble (NIV).* What does it mean to be humble? (*To think of others first; to put others first; to give up what we want so that other people can be first*) Yes! Why is it good to put others first? (*It's what Jesus would do; it's the right thing to do; it shows people that we love them, and that God loves them, too.*) Great ideas! We can say it this way: **Put others first because Jesus put you first.** Since Jesus loves you and put you first, you can share His love with others and put them first, too. So, remember: **put others first because Jesus put YOU first.**"

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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Thin markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to stand in a circle.
- Lead them to think of someone they'll put first this week.
- Guide them to hold up their index finger when they think of someone.
- Set out the markers and invite kids to draw a smiley face on the tip of their index finger, to represent person they'll put first.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Thank You, Jesus, for putting us first. Since You loved us SO much and put us first, help us love others and put them first. *(Guide kids to hold up their index finger people.)* Help us be like You and put our brothers, our sisters, our friends, our families, our neighbors, and even our enemies first. We love You, Lord. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, guide kids to tell parents today's Bottom Line: **Put others first because Jesus put you first.** Lead kids to show parents their index finger and tell them the person they'll put first this week.