

WEDNESDAY: UPPER ELEMENTARY SG GUIDE

WHAT YOU NEED:

- “Live It Out Field Guide” with “Merit Badge Stickers”, coloring supplies, foam heart balls;
Inclusive Optional Supplies: smiley face stickers

WHAT YOU ASK:

- When you think about someone praying for you, how does that make you feel? How do you think it feels to know Jesus is always praying for us?
- Jesus often went off by Himself to pray. What do you think He talked to God about concerning us and our need for help? How does that show us God’s care for us?
- Sometimes it’s hard to get along with everyone. When it’s difficult to get along with someone, how can we follow Jesus’ example and pray for them? Why is it important to “pray for one another,” even when it’s tough?

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid their “Live It Out Field Guide” from the previous day and a pen or pencil.
- Remind kids that we can ask God to help us pray for one another. Praying can be difficult sometimes, but God understands everything we’re going through and how Jesus showed us the importance of prayer. We can always ask God to help us pray.
- Set out the pens or pencils.
 - Ask the kids to share some ideas for how they can pray for one another. (For example: Pray for a friend who is feeling sad, pray for a family member who needs help, pray for their teachers, etc.)
- Point out the third section in the guide where they can write a short prayer about how they can pray for one another.
- Give kids a few minutes to write down their prayer and pray silently.
- Encourage kids to share their responses, if they feel comfortable.
- Give each kid the second merit badge sticker to place on their guide.
- Explain that when kids see the sun, they can remember we can have a relationship with the Creator of the universe because God invites us to pray and talk with Him through Jesus.

WHAT YOU PRAY:

- “Dear Jesus, thank You for another amazing day! Help us live out a life of prayer, talking to You and seeking Your help for the world around us. When we are unsure or need help, remind us of how You prayed so we can show that same care to others by praying for one another. Amen.”

AS YOU FINISH:

- Collect each “Live It Out Field Guide” and set aside for the next day.