



UPPER ELEMENTARY

WEEK 5- STARTER



Activity Name: Disciple Drawings

What You Need: Blank Paper Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a sheet of paper and something to draw with.
- Invite the kids to create their own sketch of the disciples based on what they think those followers of Jesus might have looked like.
- Offer gentle hints as needed:
 - ➔ “Some disciples were fishermen—what might they look like after spending long days on the water?”
 - ➔ “One was a tax collector—maybe he dressed differently or carried tools for counting money.”
 - ➔ “Some were younger, some older.”
 - ➔ “One was known for being very curious and asking lots of questions.”
- Let kids share their drawings and explain why they drew each disciple the way they did.

What You Say:

These drawings are awesome! It’s interesting to imagine what the disciples may have looked like. They were all regular people, fishermen, a tax collector, young men, curious learners. And yet Jesus chose them to be part of His team.

Today, we’re going to hear a story about how Jesus, the most powerful King, did something surprising and humble for these very people you’ve drawn. Let’s find out what happened.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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WEEK 5- SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions:

- Jesus is the King of the universe, yet He chose to ride a humble donkey and wash His disciples' feet. Why do you think Jesus chose humility over showing His power in those moments?
- Jesus washed the feet of Judas Iscariot, even though He knew Judas would betray Him. What does this teach us about serving others, even when they don't deserve it or might hurt us?
- Peter didn't understand at first why Jesus washed his feet. Why do you think God sometimes asks us to do things that don't make sense at first? How can trusting Him help us grow?
- Jesus gave an example of putting others first and told His followers to do the same. In your daily life, what are some ways you can practice humility and serve others like Jesus did?
- The world often tells us to be the most important or to get ahead. How is following Jesus' example of humility different from the ways the world measures success, and why does it matter?



Bible Story

Palm Sunday / Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet
• John 12:9-19, 13:1-17

Conversation Starter

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Bottom Line

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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 NIV

Activity Name: Bible Verse Challenge

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Give every kid/ every few kids a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Philippians 2:3 using the Bible Navigation Tips below.
- Read the Memory Verse together out loud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Instruct everyone to hold their Bible.
- Explain that you are going to call out a Bible verse reference, and they are going to race to see who can look it up in the Bible and read it first.
- First, call out this month's Memory Verse: "**Philippians 2:3!**"
- Instruct the first kid to find it to stand and read the verse(s) aloud.
- Then, look up a few bonus verses about humility and serving. After each one, ask how it connects to our story.
 - **Matthew 23:11 NirV** ("The most important person among you will be your servant.")
 - **1 Peter 5:5 NirV**(In the same way, I'm speaking to you who are younger. Follow the lead of those who are older. All of you, put on a spirit free of pride toward one another. Put it on as if it were your clothes. Do this because Scripture says, "God opposes those who are proud. But he gives grace to those who are humble.")
 - **John 13:14-15 NirV** ("I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you should also wash one another's feet. I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you.")

What You Say:

The Bible has so much to say about humility! It's clearly a big deal to God. It's the 'upside down' way of Jesus and His kingdom. The world says to be first, but Jesus says to be a servant. Jesus modeled what it means to put others first. **[Bottom Line] Jesus showed us how to be humble**, and the Bible is our guide to learning how to live that way.

Bible Navigation Tips: Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.