



hopekids

Four[Five- March 15

Bible Story: Be Humble/Love Your Enemies • *Matthew 5:38-48*

Conversation Starter: How can you show kindness to someone who makes you mad?

Bottom Line: Love like Jesus even when it's hard.

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

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive
- Have a couple students be door greeters, a couple more help with communion in the big church and a few more to volunteer to stay and help with the littles once we finish in the elementary room.

I took out the activity time before lesson because so, any students are passing out communion or door greeters.

Instead, spend this time playing games with the students or talking to them about how their week went.

This is the get to know your students time.

9:05/10:50 Leave for the Elementary Room

9:45/11:30 Leave for the Merge room

Communion

What You Do:

First - have one of the students pass out communion once everyone is seated.

Discuss communions and the importance of taking it and have one of the students pray.

Live Like Jesus

What You Need:

- Whiteboard and dry-erase marker, or posterboard and marker

What You Do:

- Tell the group that Jesus didn't just talk about loving others; He showed it. As a group, you're going to brainstorm a simple service project you could do together to "love like Jesus" in a practical way.
- Ask: "What are some ways we could love others like Jesus?"
- Write their ideas on the board.
- Then, brainstorm simple ways your group could show love to one of those groups.
 - Make cards for residents of a local nursing home.
 - Collect socks or toiletries for a local shelter.
 - "Chalk the walk" with kind messages on the sidewalk outside the church.
- Choose one idea that your group is excited about and could realistically do. Make a simple plan to put it into action.

What You Say:

"These are incredible ideas. It's one thing to talk about loving people, but it's another thing to actually do it. When we serve others, we are putting others first. When people see you choosing to love when it's hard, they'll know that you're different. They'll see that you're a follower of Jesus. We are choosing to **[Bottom Line] love like Jesus even when it's hard.** That's humility in action."

Ask:

- Jesus said to love your enemies and pray for those who hurt you. Why do you think Jesus wants us to respond to mean or hurtful people with love instead of revenge?
- Going the “extra mile” was a choice the person could make to show kindness. What might it look like for you to “go the extra mile” for someone who isn’t kind to you?
- It’s easy to love people who love us back, but Jesus asks for more. What’s the difference between the kind of love Jesus talked about and the kind of love most people show?
- Jesus said that when we love our enemies, we show we are God’s children. How can showing love to difficult people help others see what God is like?
- Loving others like Jesus can feel impossible sometimes. When it’s really hard to be kind or forgiving, what can you do to let God help you love that person anyway?

Please take time to Pray!