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Four[Five- February 22

Bible Story: Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter and a Suffering Woman • *Mark 5:21-43*

Bottom Line: Show the love of Jesus to people in need.

Conversation Starter: How can you show love to others?

Monthly Memory Verse: *"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."* • John 13:34 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.

Spell It Out

What You Need:

- Scrabble® tiles (or letters written on small squares of paper)
- Bag to hold the Scrabble® tiles (or squares of paper)

What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to sit with you in a circle.
- Pass the bag of letters around and instruct each kid to draw 7-8 letters without looking.
- Explain that the challenge is to work together, using all the letters in the circle, to spell out words that describe what it looks like to live for God.
- They can trade letters and move around the circle to work with others.
- Encourage them to spell out words like: KIND, LOVE, HELP, SHARE, OBEY, TRUTH, PRAY, GIVE, HONEST, FORGIVE.
- As they spell words, talk about what those words mean and how they connect to living for God.

What You Say:

“Look at all these words we spelled! This is like a game plan for our faith. Living for God isn’t some big, mysterious secret. It’s about these simple, everyday choices to be loving, kind, honest, and helpful. When we do these things, we’re putting our faith into practice. Every day is a chance to **[Bottom Line] practice living for God.**”

[Make It Personal] (Share one way that living for God is difficult for you, and you have to practice it. For example, patience could be the area that you have to practice—especially when you're in a hurry or things aren't going your way. Share how you have to intentionally ask God to help you in this area.)

Ask:

- Jesus stopped to help the woman even though He was already on His way to heal Jairus' daughter. What does that tell you about what's important to Jesus—and how can that change the way you think about interruptions in your own life?
- The woman who touched Jesus' clothes had been suffering for 12 years. Why do you think Jesus wanted her to come forward and tell her story instead of just letting her be healed in secret?
- When people told Jairus his daughter was dead, Jesus said, *“Don't be afraid. Just believe” (Mark 5:36 NIV)*. What do you think it means to “just believe” when everything feels hopeless or scary?
- Both the woman and Jairus had to push through fear and take a step of faith to reach Jesus. Can you think of a time when you needed to show faith or courage to ask God for help—or to help someone else?
- Jesus made time for people in need, even when others thought it was too late or too small. How can you make time in your own day to notice people who might need love, encouragement, or help?

Please take time to Pray!