

YOU WANT TO BE GREAT?

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Mark 10:35-45

Just for Parents

Philippians 2:4-5 says that we should be like Jesus and put other people's interests ahead of ourselves. One of my favourite words is thank you and I love to hear my kids say thank you as well. What is your favourite word and do your kids know it is one of your favourites? Words often repeated are words often taught.

Explore

Play Simon Says with your kids and ask them to always do the opposite of what you ask them.

- Whisper I love you dad/mom – they shout it out
- Hop on one leg – they hop on 2 legs
- Touch the floor – they reach up to the ceiling
- Etc.

Lesson

Read the story together in Mark 10: 35-45 and discuss the following questions. Print off the activity sheets below for your kids to do during the lesson.

- **What was the relationship between James and John?** Vs. 35
 - They were brothers and both friends of Jesus
- **Jesus had 12 friends that were with Him. Why did James and John ask if they could sit on the throne with Jesus?**
 - They thought they were something special and better than the others
- **How did Jesus tell His friends they should treat each other?** Vs. 45
 - It doesn't matter who is the boss. What matters is that you treat each other as if the other person is more important than you. Just like Jesus treats you.

Response - Door Poster

Using a blank sheet of paper and some markers have the kids draw a picture of themselves or write their name in big letters. Then have them write one of the following phrases in large letters. WE ARE GOD'S SERVANTS or SERVANTS ARE THE GREATEST or MORE LIKE JESUS. Encourage them to decorate their poster. Help them hang the poster on their bedroom door as a reminder of how they should treat their siblings and parents.

Memory verse

Philippians 2: 4-5 **"Let each of you look not only to his own interest but also the interest of others.** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." (bold for younger children.)

Blessing

Pray the following blessing over you children. This is to be done one child at a time, with your hands on the child's shoulders or head as you speak the following words over them. This is something we would encourage you to do on a daily basis.

(Child's name), may you always know how much God loves you. May you always allow Him to write your story and may you always talk about the amazing things He has done for you.

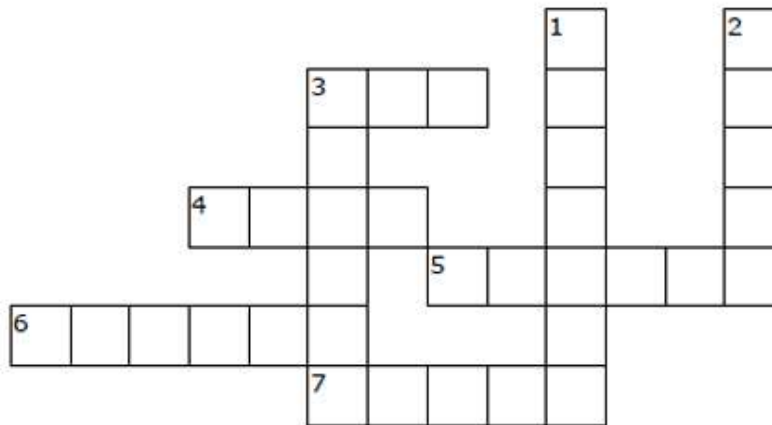
Lesson – He Came to Serve

I want to tell you a story,
About sitting by Jesus' side.
They wanted the fame and the glory,
So two brothers pulled Him aside.
James and John asked Jesus,
"Can we sit on your left and your right?
Everyone in Heaven will see us,
And it will be our biggest delight."
"Do you even know what you're asking?"
Are you willing to drink from my cup?
Can you live the life that I'm living?
From my baptism, could you even come up?"
When the rest of the twelve overheard it,
They got angry with John and James.
Surely Jesus would see they were unfit,
But why did they think He'd choose their names?
So He gathered all twelve around Him,
And He spoke of what true greatness is.
It's not thrones, crowns, gold or gems,
but serving others needs before His.
Those who are greatest don't look it.
You would never guess who they are.
They may look like a maid or a servant,
But in God's eyes they're really a star.
Jesus came down from Heaven to serve us,
To wash our feet and our hearts alike.
To teach, help, lead, and love us,
And show us what greatness looks like.

To Be Like Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 10:35-45



ACROSS

3. To occupy a chair
4. The direction that is the opposite of right
5. to be in front; to be first
6. A special chair used by a king or queen
7. The direction that is the opposite of left

DOWN

1. A person who works for another person
2. To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
3. To feel physical or mental pain

LEFT	LEADER	SERVANT	FAVOR
RIGHT	SIT	SUFFER	THRONE

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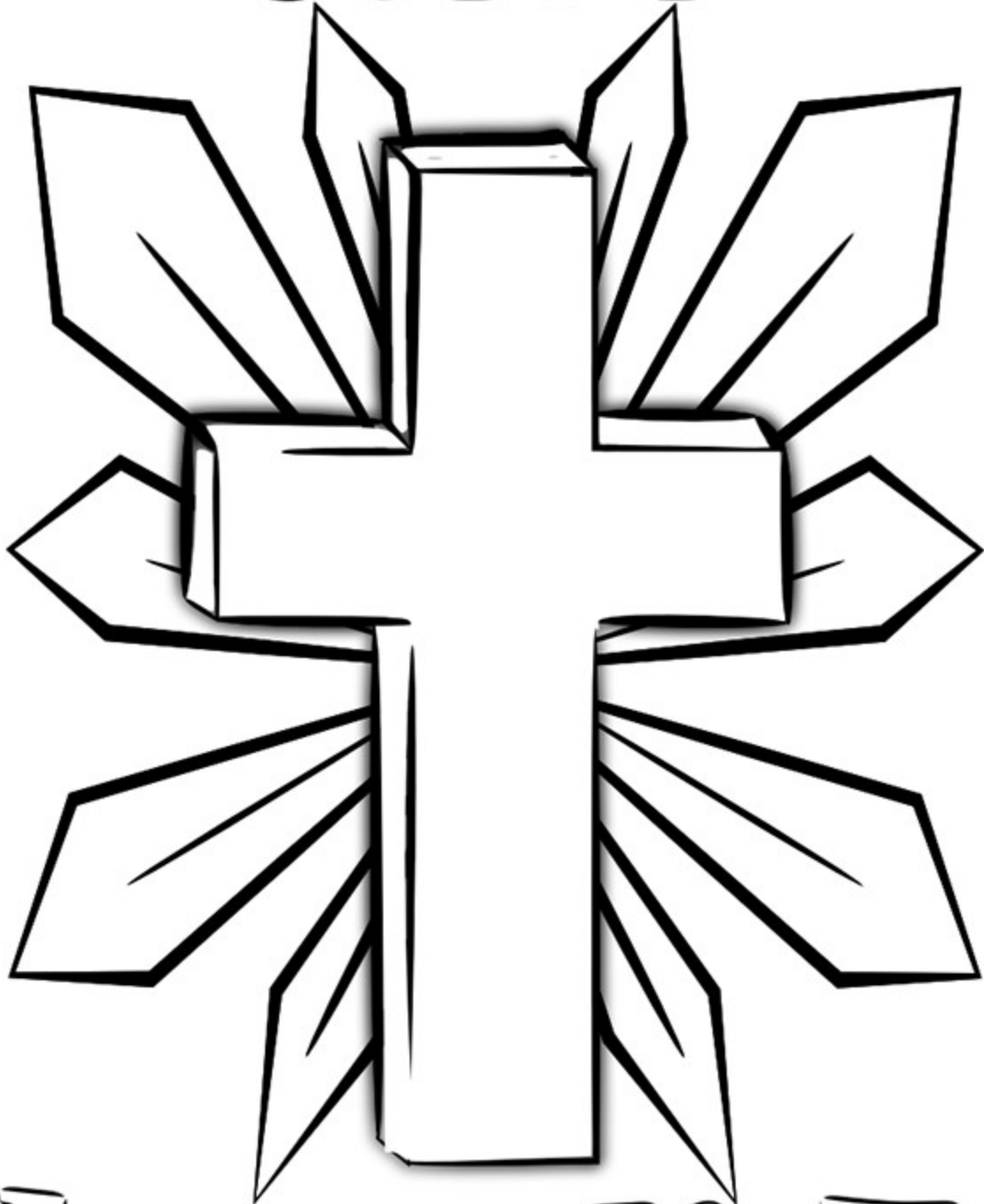


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SERVANT	SUFFER	THRONE	RULER	HONOR
FAVOR	SLAVE	GREAT	GLORY	LEADER
FIRST	SIT	RIGHT	LEFT	PLACE



JESUS



LOVES ME