

Love Your Neighbor Serve Night

February 9, 2021

Groups will spend 20 minutes in each station throughout the night.

Kinder-1- Rec, Teaching, Craft

2nd- 3rd- Craft, Rec, Teaching

4th- 5th- Teaching, Craft, Rec

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share ways they like to learn new things.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.

- For fun: Who do you love the most? How do you show them love?

Teaching Station

Teaching

Craft Station

Groups will create cards for shut ins and nursing home residents.

Rec Time/Games

Biblical Community: *Body of Christ*

February 16, 2022

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 12:27

Story Point: The Church is everyone who believes in Jesus.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they love about their church
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- For fun: If you had to pick, would you rather be a mouth or an eyeball? Why?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Acts 2:42-47

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Acts. Who can tell me where Acts is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Acts is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Acts in? (New Testament - we can remember that the New Testament starts with Matthew and all four gospels, then Acts.)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Acts is the fifth book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 2. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 42-47. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of

bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

27 "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." **1 Corinthians 12:27**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. I want you to get a highlighter and highlight these words as we read again. Teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer. As we watch the video today I want you to count to see how many of these words are in the video too. (Pass out highlighters to each kid)

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: The church is everyone who believes in Jesus. Let's say that together: "The church is everyone who believes in Jesus" How many times did you highlight the word church? Why do you think that is? The church is not a place you go. The church is everyone who believes in Jesus. That means the church goes everywhere you go. There are certain things we read about that the church does together, but the church is not the building. The church learns together, has fun together, eats together, prays together and shares everything they

have. Why? Because the church exists for the world. To show everyone who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

Remember, this whole year we are talking about how to do better and different because we believe in Jesus. We've talked about habits. Remember? Reading the Bible, praying, worshiping God, sharing our things with the church and others, serving others, and sharing Jesus. All of these things are things the church does, or you do because you believe in Jesus. You don't have to wait till someone helps you do all of these things, you can do at least one of them now so you can do things better and different because you believe in Jesus. So tell me, what have you been working on? How's it going? Do you need some help to keep doing it better? I want to help you if you think you need help. That's what this group is for. To help encourage each other to keep working on these habits and support each other when we need help.

Discussion Questions

- What is another name for the Body of Christ? (God's Church- the people who believe in Jesus)
- Who is a part of God's Church? (Everyone who believes in Jesus)
- In the Bible story, what did people who followed Jesus do to help each other out and keep the church healthy? (sold their property, shared what they had, met together, prayed, etc.)
- What do you think it would be like if everyone in God's Church did the same job? (answers will vary)
- What do you think it would be like if everyone in God's Church decided not to do their special job? (answers will vary)
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:27:** "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you

is a part of it" What is the body of Christ? (Every single person who believes in Jesus.)

- What can you do to find out what you're really good at doing for God's Church? (try different jobs, ask people what I'm good at, pray about it, talk to a campus leader for ideas, etc.)

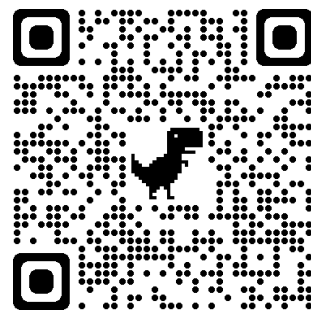
Pray

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, please show us what special jobs we need to do to keep the body of Christ healthy. In Jesus name, Amen!"

Dismiss

- Connect with families picking up their kids. Share something positive about their kid today.
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Biblical Community: *Brothers and Sisters*

February 23, 2022

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-20, Ephesians 4:1-6, 1 John 4:7

Story Point: We're all sisters and brothers, so let's love one another.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they love about their church..
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- For fun: What do you think is the best part of having a brother or sister? Why?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Ephesians 3:14-20

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Ephesians. Who can tell me where Ephesians is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Ephesians is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Ephesians in? (New Testament - we can remember that the New Testament starts with 4 gospel books, history and then letters to churches and others. Ephesians is in the letters section.)

So, open your Bible to the middle and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Ephesians is the tenth book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 3. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 14-20. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Who wants to read first? Read now:

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, **15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. **16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us **Ephesians 3:14-20**

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all **Ephesians 4:1-6**

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." **1 John 4:7**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. Let's think together about 3 sentences we can write to sum up what we just read. How about, Paul wrote this letter to encourage the church(believers). He wanted the church to remember how to take care of each other and those around us. We are showing God's

love by doing these things for each other.”
Our video today will help us see this played out in a song. (Pass out pencils to kids)

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: We’re all sisters and brothers, so let’s love one another. Let’s say that together: “We’re all sisters and brothers, so let’s love one another.” What do you think this means? (answers will vary) Our discussion questions today are going to help us process this more, but before we get there, in the song today in our video it showed different ways we can show love to each other. Help me name some of them.

Remember, this whole year we are talking about how to do better and different because we believe in Jesus. One of the ways we can easily do better and different is by treating people with love. Serve them, be kind to each other, honor each other, live in harmony, teach each other about Jesus and how to love, all of these are ways you can show love. I want you to consider one of these and find a way this week to do it better.

Discussion Questions

- How good do you think you are at showing God’s love to everyone? (answers will vary)
- What do you think it would be like if we didn’t share God’s love with anyone? (answers will vary.)
- How is God’s love different from only loving people who love you? (God loves no matter what)
- What do you think you can do to make sure other people don’t feel left out? (answers will vary)
- **Read 1 John 4:7:** “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God” What is the church to do? (Love one another) Where does true love come from? (from God) Who are the

“Dear friends” in this verse and the sisters and brothers in the story point? (everyone in God’s Church; people who believe in Jesus)

- Share one way you can show God’s love to someone this week? (answers will vary.)
- Try to name as many people who are your brothers and sisters in God’s Church as you can. How many people did you name? (answers will vary)

Pray

- Ask kids to share things they’d like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

“God, thank You for loving us. Please help us to share Your love with everyone in Your family. In Jesus name, Amen!”

Dismiss

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Biblical Community: *So Many Neighbors*

March 2, 2022

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37, Luke 10:27

Story Point: Good neighbors, share, care, and are always there.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
 - Ask kids to share something they love about their church..
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- For fun: Which book would you memorize if you had to memorize a book?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Luke 2:41-52

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Luke. Who can tell me where Luke is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where John is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Luke in? (New Testament - we can remember that the New Testament starts with Matthew and all four gospels.)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Luke is the third book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 2. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 41-52. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together.

Who wants to read first? Read now:

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. **31** A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32** So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37

27 "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " **Luke 10:27**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. In the passage we just read, Jesus was using words from the Law (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) to show the expert of the law that He should follow God's command to love Him in the Old Testament **AND** love others. The expert thought He was tricking Jesus, but Jesus turned it around and reminded Him to follow the law of putting God first always and then doing the same for others around you. When we talk about being like Jesus, this is how we do that. Love God first and most and then love everyone else like God loves them. Let's memorize what Jesus told the man in Luke 10:27. Say it with me several times. Now let's watch our video to see who our neighbor is.

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: Good neighbors share, care and are always there.. Let's say that together: "Good neighbors share, care, and are always there." According to Jesus and our video today, who is our neighbor? In what ways can we show that we want to share, care and always be there?

Remember, this whole year we are talking about how to do better and different because we believe in Jesus. One of the best ways to share Jesus with someone is in how you love them. We've talked about a few things today, what is one thing you can work on this week as a way to show someone God's love?

Discussion Questions

- When you believe in Jesus and you're a part of God's Church, who's your neighbor? (everyone)
- What do you think it takes to be a good neighbor? (answers will vary. This is a good time to share a personal story from your life.)
- In the Bible story, how can you tell that Samaritan was a good neighbor? (He

cared for someone he didn't know and who didn't even like him.)

- How do you think you could be a good neighbor to someone you don't like or who's mean to you? (answers will vary)
- Share a time you needed someone else to be a good neighbor to you. (answers will vary)
- **Read Luke 10:27:** "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind,' And 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " Who should we love? (God; our neighbors) How does loving people show that we love God? (answers vary)
- Share some ways you will be a good neighbor this week (answers will vary.)
- Name someone you know who needs help, needs a friend, or who is hurt. What can you do this week to be a good neighbor to them? (answers will vary)

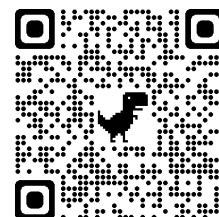
Pray

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"God, thank You for filling us with Your love so we can be good neighbors to everyone around us. In Jesus name, Amen!"

Dismiss

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Missionary Night

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Kinder-1- Rec, Teaching, Craft

2nd- 3rd- Craft, Rec, Teaching

4th- 5th- Teaching, Craft, Rec

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share ways they like to learn new things.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- For fun: Where is the furthest place you have traveled? What was your favorite part?

Teaching Station:

Teaching ?

Craft/Activity Station:

Groups will create cards for shut ins and nursing home residents.

Rec Time/Games:

Biblical Community: *Fishermen*

March 23, 2022

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11, Mark 1:17

Story Point: I'm on a mission to go fishing, for people!

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they love about their church.
- Ask kids to share how they have seen God working this week.
- For fun: What do you think it's like to go fishing all day long? Would you want to do it?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Luke 5:1-11

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Luke. Who can tell me where Luke is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Luke is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Luke in? (New Testament - we can remember that the New Testament starts with Matthew and all four gospels.)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Luke is the third book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 5. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 1-11. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together.

Who wants to read first? Read now:

1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. **Luke 5:1-11**

"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you out to fish for people." **Mark 1:17**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and read the words to yourself again. I want you to draw a picture of ways you can fish for people.. While we watch the video you can draw your picture (Pass out pencils to each kid)

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: I'm on a mission to go fishing- for people!." Let's say that together: "I'm on a mission to go fishing- for people!" How in the world do we fish for people? What kind of bait do you think it takes? Seriously though, to be good at fishing it requires good bait. In order to have good bait, we have to keep doing all the things we have talked about together this year. Read our Bibles, pray, worship God, be good stewards of things God has given us and share with others, serve others, and share Jesus with everyone. As you think about the things you have worked on this year to do better at least one of the things listed above, how has that changed you and those around you? (Give kids a chance to really answer this question. If you don't get much from the kids, begin to share how God has been changing you as you have done one of these habits better.)

Remember, this whole year we are talking about how to do better and different because we believe in Jesus. What does better and different look like now compared to where you started in September? Is it easier to read the Bible or pray? Do you see more of God everywhere you go because you are focusing on worship? Have you seen big blessings because of something you chose to share with someone? When you serve, are you learning more and giving selflessly? Is it easier to share Jesus with others? Let's talk about how things are different and better before we get into our discussion questions today.

Discussion Questions

- What is the Church? (all the people who believe in Jesus)
- How do you think people can tell that you follow Jesus? (answers will vary.)
- In the Bible story, Jesus taught His first disciples to fish for people. How can you learn to fish for people today? (Ask others to help you, read what Jesus did in the Bible, pray, learn at small group, practice the habit of sharing Jesus, etc.)
- What do you think happens when you tell people about Jesus, but you don't live God's way? (answers will vary)
- What might keep you from trying to fish for people? (answers will vary.)
- **Read Mark 1:17:** "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you out to fish for people." When we follow Jesus, what do we do? (We tell people about Him) What does it mean to fish for people? (Tell others about Jesus and show them how to believe in Him.)
- What's your favorite part of following Jesus? (answers will vary.)
- Who might like to follow Jesus if you shared your favorite part of following Jesus with them? (answers will vary, this is the same thing as sharing your testimony. The best way to share this with people is to practice telling it to lots of people. This is how it becomes a habit, too.)

Pray

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, please fill me with courage to speak, serve, and give in a way that shares Jesus with everyone. In Jesus name, Amen!"

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