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Team Player
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LIFE APP

Humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience
For Leaders Only
Create the Environment

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Ideas for Early Arrivers
Upside Down

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"This Is Amazing Grace" from *Movin' Me*

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

Early Arriver

- An offering container

Upside Down

- Print the "Upside Down Dude" Activity Page on cardstock and cut loosely around the "dude"; 1 for each kid (NOTE: It's important to print on cardstock because paper will not support the weight of the paperclips.)
- Scissors
- Standard paperclips; 6 for each kid
- Crayons (Crayola® Twistables are a great option!) (NOTE: Don't substitute markers. If the cardstock gets too damp from zealous coloring, the activity won't work as well!)

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.

1. Pass to Win! (application activity / review the Bible story)

- Print the "Pass to Win!" Activity Pages on cardstock and tape together; 1 for each small group
- Print the "Soccer Ball Tokens" Activity Page, cut out, and attach each one to a sticky note; 1 set for each small group
- Print the "Scenarios" Activity Page; 1 for each small group
- A die or a dice app; the Lead Small App has a spinner with a customizable number of spaces

* 2. Others First (application activity)

- Washi tape in a variety of patterns (Be sure to include boy-friendly options! Soccer, anyone?) (NOTE: You can substitute patterned duct tape, but it'll be more difficult to work with.)
- Standard paperclips; about 15 for each kid
- Scissors



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3. Cross the Sea (*memory verse activity*)

- Bibles
- Bandanas; 6 for every 4 kids

Prayer

- An "Upside Down Dude" from Social

Additional Resources:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv**, **CUE Box**, and the **Parent Cue app**. To find out more about these great resources, go to <http://www.Studio252.tv/leaders>.



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SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Today's Bottom Line sounds simple: Put others first. But we know we need the strength of the Holy Spirit to accomplish that task. Ask God to equip your few to put others first in everything they do. Pray that they would develop an "others first" attitude and that it would change every relationship they have.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to place their offerings in the container.
- Ask kids to share about situations when it's hard for them to be last in line. What makes it hard?

2. UPSIDE DOWN

WHAT YOU NEED: "Upside Down Dudes" Activity Pages, scissors, paperclips, crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "dude" and allow them to color them as they choose. (Realism is optional!)
- Direct kids to attach two or three paperclips to each "arm" as shown, being careful not to bend or crease the paper.
- Show kids how to balance the figures on their fingertips.
- *Hint: If a figure doesn't balance, make sure the paper isn't bent and the paper clips are positioned properly. Add a third paper clip to each side if necessary.*
- Encourage experimentation: Can kids balance the figures in different places (on the end of a straw, pencil, or pen; on the corner of a table, etc.)? What happens if they rearrange the paperclips? Attach paperclip chains? Place only one paperclip on each side? Place more paperclips on each side?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Have you ever heard the phrase 'turn upside down'? (If kids need an example, say: He turned the house upside down looking for the lost key.) What does it mean? (Pause.) We tend to think of turning things upside down as a negative or bad thing, but like our balancing dude, sometimes turning things upside down is good—even amazing! **[Transition]** In our Bible story today, we'll hear how God wants us to turn things upside down and how in His eyes it's a GOOD thing. Let's go to Large Group to learn more."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

1. PASS TO WIN! (application activity / review the Bible story)

WHAT YOU NEED: “Pass to Win!” Activity Pages, “Soccer Ball Tokens” Activity Pages, “Scenarios” Activity Page, die or dice app

WHAT YOU DO:

- Lead kids in a group “Chutes and Ladders”-esque board game.
- Guide kids to get into teams of two or three.
- Post the “Pass to Win!” game board on a focal wall or set it where the teams can gather around it.
- Assign each team a soccer ball token. To determine the order of play, ask a child from each team to roll the die. The team with the lowest number goes first.
- Guide teams to take turns rolling the die and moving their token the appropriate number of spaces.
- If a team lands on a “Pass” space, read a “Pass to Win!” from the “Scenarios” Activity Page. When the team answers, invite them to “pass” their ball “up the field.”
- If a team lands on a “Foul” space, read a “Foul” scenario. Guide the team to move to their ball backwards as shown.
- Continue the game until every team scores a GOAL!

WHAT YOU SAY:

“You came up with great ways to **[Bottom Line] put others first**. When are times that you’ve **[Bottom Line] put others first**? (Pause.) **[Make It Personal] (Share about a time you put someone first, even if it was hard. Tell how you felt as well as how it impacted the other person.)** So remember: **[Bottom Line] put others first**. When you do, you’ll show them that they’re valuable to you AND to God. And that’s a WIN!”

* 2. OTHERS FIRST (application activity)

WHAT YOU NEED: Washi tape, paperclips, scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Show kids how to hook paperclips together until they make loops the right sizes for their wrists.
- Guide them to wrap one-inch strips of Washi tape around the middle of each clip, and then firmly press the tape to seal it. Voila—upcycled crafty masterpieces!
- Next, lead kids to make a bracelet to give to someone as a way to **[Bottom Line] put others first**.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“The main thing to remember today is to **[Bottom Line] put others first**. What are some ways you can put others first, even when it’s hard? (Pause.) Great ideas! So this week, wear your bracelets as a reminder to **[Bottom Line] put others first**. You can even practice putting others first by giving one—or both—away. Whatever you do, **[Bottom Line] put others first**. When you do, you’ll show others what God is like and how much He loves them. And that’s always a WIN!”



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3. CROSS THE SEA (*memory verse activity*)

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, bandanas; six bandanas for each group of four

WHAT YOU DO:

- For every four kids, mark a start line and a goal at opposite ends of your environment—the farther apart, the better!
- Guide kids to form teams of four and line up behind a start line. Give each team a set of six bandanas.
- At your signal, the first child stands at the start line and tosses a bandana forward. The second child takes a second bandana, leaps to the first bandana, tosses her bandana forward, and then leaps back to her team. Players may only step on the bandanas, not the floor!
- The game continues until one player reaches the goal, at which point the entire team may leap across.

NOTE: If your environment is small, play the game in a hallway or outside; or, set "landmarks" around your area and lead teams to create paths to the goal by way of the landmarks.

- Guide teams to look up the verse using the Bible navigation tips in Week 1. Read the verse aloud together.
- *Variation: After kids look up and read the verse, guide kids to play the game again, this time saying a phrase of the verse for each bandana they step on.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

"How was our game an example of not doing anything only to get ahead, but instead valuing others more than yourselves? (Each time we took a turn we helped the next person get further ahead.) Why do you think God wants us to value others more than ourselves and **[Bottom Line] put others first?** (Jesus valued us more; putting others first shows others how much God loves them; etc.) So remember (guide kids to say the verse with you): *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).*"

PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: An "Upside Down Dude" from Social

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to gather around you.
- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"It's always tempting to think about yourself first. But God turns things upside down and wants us to do what Jesus did and put others first.

"You can follow Jesus' example in your own life in big and small ways. You can (*name some of the ways kids said that they could put others first*). When you keep your eyes open, you'll find so many ways to put others ahead of yourself. It may not be easy at first, but the longer you follow God, the more often you'll see ways to give up what you think you deserve in order to put others first. And in God's eyes, that's a WIN! Let's pray." (*Lead kids in prayer, asking God to help the kids*) **[Bottom Line] put others first, even when it's hard.**

Give each child a GodTime card. Pass out Parent Cue cards as adults arrive to pick up.