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**ABOUT GOD**

God is the one and only true God, yet He exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator, so everything belongs to Him and is under His control. God is holy, so He is righteous, majestic, and loving. God is all knowing and purposeful, so He's at work to bring about His will. No person, thing, or idea compares to God.

**ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES**

God reveals Himself to us through the Bible, and it is 100% accurate, reliable, and authoritative.

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**Team Player**  
Humility of Jesus  
**Philippians 2:3-8**

## BOTTOM LINE

**Put others first.**

## MEMORY VERSE

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**Philippians 2:3, NIRV**

## 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.**

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

**SOCIAL:** Providing time for fun interaction  
Ideas for Early Arrivers  
Serve It Under

**STORY:** Communicating God's truth in engaging ways  
Opener  
Worship  
Bible Story  
Prayer  
Closer

**WORSHIP:** Inviting people to respond to God  
"Look at Me" from *Walk This Way*  
"Generation for You" from *Alive*  
"What a Savior" from *Turn It Up*

**GROUPS:** Creating a safe place to connect  
Rule Change  
No One Sings a Solo  
Soccer Maze  
Prayer

**HOME:** Prompting action beyond the experience  
GodTime  
Parent Cue



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## GETTING READY

### SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

#### Early Arriver

- An offering container

#### Serve It Under

- Soccer Ball

### 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 #1.

#### \* 1. Rule Change (application activity/ review the Bible story)

- Soccer ball
- Three goals (could be made with tape on the floor; see activity)

#### 2. No One Sings a Solo (application activity)

- Poster-sized piece of paper (or a white board)
- Marker

#### 3. Soccer Maze (memory verse activity)

- Prepared soccer ball from previous weeks
- Blindfold
- Bibles
- Goal (could be tape on the floor)
- Obstacles (chairs, boxes, or even players' bodies)

#### Prayer

- No supplies needed

#### 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:**

- Collect kids' offerings as they arrive.
- Ask kids who their heroes are. They could be athletes, actors, philanthropists, family members, etc.
- Then ask if they have any heroes who are humble about their abilities, who typically give credit to God or to their parents when they receive awards or win games.

### 2. SERVE IT UNDER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Soccer ball

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Instruct kids to line up one behind the other, feet apart, creating a small tunnel with their legs.
- Let one kid kick or roll a ball slowly, seeing if he can get it all the way through without touching anyone.
- Emphasize that kids should be aiming for accuracy, not speed or power.
- Count how many people the ball goes under without touching.
- After each kid has had a turn to kick, congratulate the kid who gets the highest score.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"You did a good job trying to get this ball to go under everyone without disruption. We have been talking all month about being humble and serving others. When we are humble and serve others, we place ourselves below other people and serve them. **[Transition] Let's go into Large Group to find out why we should serve others."**

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. RULE CHANGE (*application activity / review the Bible story*)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Soccer ball, 3 goals (could be tape on the floor)

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- If you don't have real goals, use tape or other materials to mark out three goals. Two of them will be like normal soccer goals at opposite ends of the play space.
- The third goal will be on the sideline in the middle of the play space.
- Explain to the kids that they will play a normal soccer game, competing against each other. But when you blow the whistle, the rules will change and they must all work as one team, kicking the ball into the third goal.
- To keep it safe, instruct kids to walk instead of run and to keep the ball on the floor; no kicking it into the air. (If possible, take the game outside! You could even let groups compete against each other and then work together to get the ball to the middle goal.)
- Let the game go on, switching at random moments from a normal game to the cooperative game.
- Note: *If you have a lot of kids in your group, divide the group in half and instruct one half to sit and watch the first game. After the first game is played, kids can switch.*
- Adaptation: *If you don't have room to play an actual soccer game, play a paper football version of the game on your floor or on a table. The same rules apply, just on a smaller scale. If you are worried about kids getting too rowdy, you can flip the rules of soccer, making it so that kids can only use their hands to touch the ball, instead of their feet! They will still have to keep ball on the floor; no throwing it to each other.*

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Good job playing our two different versions of this game. It was probably difficult and little bit confusing to switch from competing against others to cooperating with them. Our Bible story today reminds us that when we are following Jesus we are following a different set of rules than everyone else. The rules of the world say to beat the other team whatever it takes. But Jesus calls us to something better. We are called to help and involve others, whatever it takes. **[Make It Personal]** (**Talk about a time you put others first, when you would normally be expected to compete and beat the other person.**) There is nothing that will make us stand out as being different from the world quite like living out our Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] Put others first."**

### 2. NO ONE SINGS A SOLO (*application activity*)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Poster-sized paper (or whiteboard), marker

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Have the kids think of their favorite solo artist. It could be anyone, as long as it isn't a group or a band. It should be one single performer, such as: Katy Perry, but not Pentatonix; Sting, but not The Police; Paul McCartney, but not the Beatles; Britt Nicole, but not For King & Country.
- Draw a circle to represent the performer near the center of the paper.



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- Explain to the kids that we think of people who sing a solo as doing what they are doing on their own, but really, they don't.
- Start by listing the musicians onstage with the performer. Draw a circle and connect it to the central circle for each musician you can name: piano, drums, bass, guitar, keyboards, backup singers, etc.
- Then mention that there are even more people helping backstage in technical areas. Draw more circles: monitor mix audio, main audio, microphone tech, lighting tech, lighting rigger, lighting operator and designer, stage managers, security, builders, truck drivers, etc.
- Then imagine the office and management personnel that help a solo star and draw circles for them: social media manager, secretary, assistant, manager, videographer, marketing, merchandising, etc.
- Continue in this way until you have completely filled the paper with circles, showing the support necessary to sing a "solo."
- If you wish, you could repeat the exercise with another "solo" field, such as a surgeon, a teacher, the Large Group Storyteller, the pastor, or anyone else who seems to do something alone, but in reality requires a lot of help and support.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Imagine being our solo pop star and hearing all those fans cheering every night. It would be easy to start to think a lot of yourself if you sang a lot of solos. But this activity shows us that no one actually sings a solo. Even if you aren't a giant stadium-filling pop star, when you sing a solo—or do anything—you have a bunch of people around you who have helped you get where you are. Also, God is the one who give us the ability to do anything at all. This is one reason we should always act with humility and **[Bottom Line] put others first**. This is especially true when we experience success. When we kick the winning goal, when we get to sing the solo or the high note at the end of the song, when we tell the joke that makes everyone laugh, it's good to celebrate and be proud of the moment! But we should remember to also celebrate those who helped us and remember that no matter how many times we win' Jesus still calls us to live out our Bottom Line and **[Bottom Line] put others first**. That includes putting first those who helped us along the way."

### 3. SOCCER MAZE (memory verse activity)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Prepared soccer ball, blindfold, Bibles, goal (could be tape on the floor), obstacles

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Help your few to look up the verse in their Bibles. Then read it out loud together a few times.
- One team will attempt to look up and read the memory verse from a Bible while the other team tries to dribble the ball into a goal while blindfolded.
- Mark out a goal and a starting point across the room.
- Between the goal and starting point, arrange some obstacles. Obstacles could be the team members themselves sitting or lying in the path. They could also be boxes, chairs, tubs, cones, or other obstacles as well.
- The dribbling team will shout instructions to their player, who is blindfolded, as he or she carefully dribbles the ball around the obstacles. If the ball or the player touches an obstacle, the player has to start over at the beginning.
- The reading team will line up side by side. The person on one end will pick up a Bible and start to look up the verse. Once he or she finds the verse, the player will read one word of the verse and then pass the Bible to the next player.
- The reading team will attempt to look up and read the entire verse before the dribbling team can get the ball through the obstacles to the goal.
- Switch teams and repeat.



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## WHAT YOU SAY:

"Our memory verse can help us learn to show humility by giving up what we think we deserve. In this activity, as the person dribbling the ball, it might have been tempting to just run and kick the ball right over or into the obstacles and crash through to the goal. You might have been able to get to the goal that way, but you probably would have hurt yourself or others in the process. We always have to remember that the world's way of doing things is not our way of doing things. No matter how tempting it may be to try to get things our way and to win and beat others, Jesus calls us to something different. Jesus calls us to **[Bottom Line] put others first.**"

### Optional Additional Discussion Questions

- How does the world pressure you to put yourself first at the expense of others?
- Close your eyes and try to imagine a world where nobody put others first. What kind of world would that be? What does it look like? Are the people happier? What does it sound like? What words do you hear? What else are you imagining about that kind of world?
- Now do the opposite and imagine a world where everyone is concerned about others and puts others first. How does this world differ from the other one you just imagined? Which world would you rather live in? So why do you think Jesus asks us to take last place and put others first?
- What's one way you can take last place this week?

## PRAY AND DISMISS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Spend time praying for others: teachers, family members, friends, etc.
- Encourage kids to ask God for opportunities to put those people first this week.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"One of the best ways for us to continually remind ourselves to put others first is to pray for them. When we pray, we should pray with others in mind, seeking their best interests. Then we should listen to see how God would have us to act to help others succeed. That is one way we can **[Bottom Line] put others first** through prayer."

As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids to tell their adults what a soccer ball and a goal have to do with what Jesus asks of us.