

KidSlot #11 Being a Servant

Lessons are available at <http://www.yorkalliance.org/resources/kidslot> for you to print copies of the necessary materials for each child in your group.

Materials Needed

- Yarn to create necklaces
- 6 large paper clips per child
- Printed and cut apart words of Galatians 5:13 (in lesson)
- Tape
- Paper

Today's Objective

Children will know that they need to have a servant's heart and serve one another in love just like Jesus did.

Scripture

Galatians 5:13 Serve one another in love.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom.

Introductory Activity

Servant Role Playing

Tell children that there are many occupations that involve serving others and that tonight they are going to role play a couple to see what it is like to serve and to be served.

Restaurant Role Playing - Assign children various roles found in a restaurant such as customers, waitresses, cooks, cashiers etc. Have children take turns acting out being served and serving. Ask which role they enjoyed more.

Role Playing an Airline Flight - Assign children various flight roles. Some can be passengers (1st class and coach), flight attendants, pilot, co-pilot, baggage attendants etc.

Tell children that with both of the role playing situations the purpose is to take care of the customer's needs. The people playing the waiters or flight attendants should make every effort to try to anticipate what the customers are going to need even before they ask.

This also is what Jesus wants us to do. He wants us to love and care for people seeing their needs and meeting them even before they ask. That is truly being a servant.

Bible Lesson and Activities

1. Have children find and read Galatians 5:13 and Mark 10:45. Discuss these verses for a few minutes. Explain that serving one another means seeing and taking care of what others need.
2. Discussion questions – Use some or all of the following questions below. Be sure to end with the FINAL question.
 - Which do you think is easier, taking care of our own needs, or taking care of what other people need?
 - Why do you think we should care about the needs of other people?
 - Should we serve people we don't know?
 - What are some ways we can serve others?
 - Share a time when you served someone. Tell what you do and how that person responded.
 - When we serve others we are serving God. Do you ever ask Him to show you ways to serve Him and others?
 - How did Jesus serve others?
 - What attitude should we have when we serve?
 - Have you ever served with a bad attitude? Why?

- When we serve others who are we putting first?
- Do you like to be a servant even if it means hard work or it is inconvenient?
- Name some jobs (occupations) that involve serving others (i.e. police, doctors, waitresses, pastors, firemen etc) and tell how they serve.
- How have you seen people in your LIFE group serve one another in love? In your church? In your family?
- How have you served in your LIFE group, church, family, school, neighborhood?
- Would you rather have people serve you or you serve others? Why?
- Do selfish people make good servants? Why or why not?
- FINAL question - If you were to ask Jesus how He would want you to be a servant this week what do you think He would say to you? Ask Him!

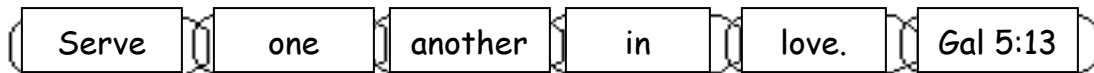
Creative Application

Paper Clip Verse Necklace

Give each child a piece of yarn, 6 large paper clips and a set of 6 pieces of paper each with a word or scripture reference to Galatians 5:13. (Serve - one - another - in - love - Galatians 5:13)

Have children connect the six paper clips together and then tie one end of the yarn to an end paper clip. Next tie the other end of the yarn to the other end of the linked paper clips to form a necklace.

Using the pieces of paper with the words on, wrap the paper pieces around the paper clips taping each one so that the verse is formed in order and the words are facing the same direction. See illustration below. This may be very difficult for young children so have older children assist or you complete this step. (Each piece of paper is 5 times the width of the clip so begin with the paper on the backside of the paper clip and wrap around the clip so that the words will end up on the front of the necklace. There is one paper clip wrapped in your bag as an example).



What does it mean to serve?

Brainstorm in the group ways to serve others. Ask the children to make a list in words or pictures (individually or as a group) of ways that they can "serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13).

If children struggle with this look at this list of 100 ways to serve others:

<http://learnthisc.ca/2010/02/100-ways-to-serve-others/>

Prayer

Lead children in a time of prayer asking Jesus how He wants each one to be a servant this week. Encourage them to pray for one another and be sure to pray for any other requests the children have as well as for their friends who do not yet know Jesus.

Closure

Before leaving for the night, have the children pick one thing off of their list of ways to serve others. Encourage and challenge them to do that act of service this week in the community. Maybe you can plan to do it together as a group one day later this week. Follow up next week and ask the children how it was. Did they find it difficult/easy? What did they learn by serving?

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“Serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13 (NIV)