

BIBLE STORY

Lean on Me

Servant Principle
Philippians 2:3-8

MEMORY VERSE

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Philippians 2:3 (NIV)

LIFE APP

Humility

Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

KEY QUESTION

What keeps you from putting others first?

BASIC TRUTH

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

Activity: Verse to Take with You

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Notecard, pens or pencils, Bibles

What You Do:

- 1) **Open** the Bibles and **read** Ephesians 5:1-2 and Ephesians 5:21 out loud.
- 2) **Let** kids talk briefly about what those verses say to do.
- 3) **Explain** that we're called to follow God's example and walk in the way of love, but that it's often easier to get things done well if we have a recipe or a plan to follow.
- 4) **Give** everyone a notecard and five minutes to make their own recipes for following God's example.
 - What ingredients would be included (Love, prayer, honor, submission, value, humility, kindness, empathy, compassion, etc.)
 - How much of each?
 - What would be the order that you add them?
 - What would you do with them once they're added?
- 5) **Encourage** everyone to share their recipe with the family and explain why they picked their ingredients.
- 6) **Read** the verses from Ephesians aloud to the family one more time.
- 7) **Remind** kids that humility is hard. It's not natural for humans to put others first! BUT we have the best example there ever was: Jesus!

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Gospel Moment

Jesus is the very BEST example of humility. He gave up everything to come to earth and save us! After Jesus died and came to life again, people talked about what He did. They talked about the way He treated people—with love and compassion. They remembered all that He had done to put people first. We should think that way when we spend time with the people in our lives. We should be thinking about others more than we think of ourselves.”

“It’s just like Paul wrote in his letter—in Philippians 2:3—which is our memory verse for this month:

“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). It's not easy for us to put others first. But we can find the strength we need when we remember what Jesus did for us.”

Discussion Questions

- 1) How do you know that Jesus put you first?
- 2) Why does Jesus putting us first mean that we need to put others first?
- 3) What keeps you from putting others first? What can you do to get rid of those barriers and put others first more often?

Prayer

Dear God, it's not easy for any of us to put others first. Most of the time we're looking out for ourselves, doing what WE want, making sure we're okay. But You turned that way of thinking upside down and showed us what it looks like to think of others. Help us this week to follow Your example at home, at school, at church, and everywhere in between. In Jesus' name, amen.