

Kids Spot

(12 November 2017)

Big Point: A heart to help the poor and needy

God's Word: The Story of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:12-23)

Memory Verse: Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves. Speak up for the rights of those who are poor and needy. (Proverbs 31:8-9)

Life Question: **How can I help the poor and needy more?**

Kids Spot (4-6 y.o)

Intro

Recap this week's Big Point and memory verse.

Game: What would Jesus like?

Teacher to facilitate the game: When we meet new people, we would often ask questions about what they like and don't like to know more about them. So today, I want to ask you some questions that will help me know what is important to you!

1. If you like Ironman, go to my left. If you like Disney Princesses, go to my right – Look at all the people who like the same characters as you!
2. If you like green vegetables, go to my left. If you like sweets, go to my right – Look at the people who like the same food as you!
3. If you like chocolate ice-cream, go to my left. If you like vanilla ice-cream, go to my right – Look at the people who like the same ice-cream flavor as you!

Teacher: Okay! Your answer tells me what you like! Now imagine that Jesus is with you. Let's ask him some questions and guess what Jesus would think.

1. If you like a friend who can run very fast and play many games with you, go to my left. If you like a friend who cannot walk, go to my right. Where would Jesus go?
2. If you like a friend who has a lot of toys and food to share with you, go to my left. If you like a friend who doesn't have many toys and food, go to my right. Where would Jesus go?

To both questions, Jesus will stand in the **centre** because he **loves all people!** (Luke 14: 12-14)!

Jesus had friends who were rich and healthy. Jesus also made friends with people who needed help – some were very poor and couldn't walk and see. Jesus cares about them equally, and **he wants us to help them and care for them too!**

Colouring: The Great Banquet



Prayer

Dear Jesus, we love you and we want to be like You. We want to do what You have commanded us to. God, help us to love the poor and the needy. Give us courage to go to them, eat with them, feed them and love them. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!

Kids Spot (7-12 y.o)

Intro

What was the Big Point last week? – A heart to love people!

- Give the children key words to lead them to the Big Point
- Trigger their memory of the Good Samaritan parable

Recap this week's Big Point and Memory Verse.

Activity: The Exclusion Game

Materials needed

- Coloured dot stickers – 2 different colours, green and red

Instructions

1. Split the children into two groups and have each group choose the colour they want. Paste the coloured sticker on them depending on the group they are in.
2. Tell the children that people with the green stickers are people who are poor and have no money, so they have to sleep on the streets and have nothing to eat (get the children to sit on the floor).
3. Tell the children that people with the red stickers are rich people and they get to sit on the chairs and they get to share snacks.

Discuss

1. Ask the children with green stickers: How did you feel when you had to sit on the floor and have no snacks to eat while the other group of people had snacks to eat and could sit on the chair?
2. Do you think Jesus prefers the people with the green stickers or red stickers? – Jesus loves both groups of people!
3. Knowing that Jesus also loves the poor people, and knowing the sadness and unfairness the people with green stickers acting as poor people felt, how can we help to change things?

Worship: Sing of God's Justice

LGLs can download this song and sing with the kids: God of Justice (We Must Go) by Tim Hughes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3NeIRb1LY4>

Let's lift the things we want to do for God into God's hands by worshipping Him with this song – God of Justice

Let us thank God for the many things He has blessed us with – the house we live in, the food that fills our stomach, the clean drinking water we have. But God did not give us these blessing for us to just enjoy it alone. He wants us to be generous with the poor and hungry,

and to stand beside the broken. Let us lift our hands in surrender to do the things He has commanded us to do.

God is just. How do we know that? In Proverbs 31:8-9, God commands us to speak up for those who are unable to due to their circumstances (e.g. poverty).

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