

April Week 3 Electric Ave 3rd-5th Grade

Bible Story: Lean on Me (Servant Principle) • *Philippians 2:3-8*

Bottom Line: Put others first because Jesus put you first.

Key Question: What keeps you from putting others first?

Memory Verse: *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 (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.

Activity #1: Upside Down

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Challenge** kids to come up with ways to “be upside-down.”
 - This could be upside down on a chair, doing a headstand, doing a handstand with a friend holding their feet, leaning over a table . . .
- **Let** kids have a few minutes to practice their methods of being upside down, then let everyone take turns showing off their methods.
- **Ask** - Which one is easiest? Which one is silliest? Which one can you do the longest? Which was the most fun?

What You Say:

“I think I prefer you all to be right side up . . . **We’ve been talking all month about the upside way—how Jesus turned everything on its head. Let’s head over to large group to hear more about it!**”

Activity #2: Video

What You Need: Video at www.myrtlegrovebaptist.com/children

Activity #3: Bible Story Extension

What You Need: Paper, markers, Bibles, large paper sack, and scissors

What You Do:

- **Open** the Bible and **ask** read Philippians 2:3-8.
- **Work** together to re-write the passage, phrase by phrase, in their own words on the paper. (Make sure each phrase is on its own line.)

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- Cut the verse into strips
- Mix them up
- Re-assemble the verse
- **Discuss and apply** the verses by going deeper with questions like the ones below.
 - What kind of example did Jesus set for us?
 - What did humility and obedience cost Jesus?
 - What does it mean to value others more than yourself?
 - Can you think of a time you looked out for the good of others?

Activity #4: Review

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Activity #5: Pray – Thank God for his example of humility and ask for his help to show humility and putting others first.