

# Culturally Engaged

## Huddle 1: *Loving Others Through Serving*



### SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

#### Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions.

- Talk to your group about others.
- Who are some people they care about?
- When was a time that someone did something nice for them?
- When was a time they did something nice for someone else?
- Read 1 John 3:18.

#### Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

#### Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

### LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out. Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (Pause) **TO OTHERS**.

Who has heard the phrase “culturally engaged” here at Grace? Does anyone know what it means? Culturally engaged is a core value here at Grace Church and is part of what we believe God wants for us as Christians. Culturally engaged means caring about the world around us and sharing God with other people in our lives. A good way to share God with others is to love them through acts of service.

Let's read 1 John 3:18 again. What do you think this verse means? This verse is talking about loving others through actions, not just with our words. It makes us feel good when our parents tell us they love us right? Yes! What are some ways our parents love us through their actions? They make us food, and buy us clothes to wear. They also spend time with us doing fun things like reading

stories and playing outside, right?

Loving others through serving them is a great way to show someone that you care. Taking your time to *DO* something nice for someone means you have to give something up. You could be giving up your time, money, or something you want for yourself like a toy or snack. God calls us to serve others because He first served us. God's ultimate act of service was sending His son, Jesus, to save us. God *GAVE UP* His son to save us.

Serving others is not always easy for us, sometimes it is really hard! We should always be praying that God would give us a heart for loving and serving others.

*Huddle Up, Pray, & Break*

#### ACTIVITY: Service Cards

##### Materials

- Half sheet of cardstock
- Color pencils or markers
- Hole punch
- Yarn or string

Have each child pick three acts of service they would like to do that week. It can be simple (give my sibling a hug first thing every morning) or something that takes a little more time (write a nice note for a friend). Encourage them to think critically about what they should pick. Ask them what they would like someone to do for them and have them decide to do that for someone else. Have them write their acts of service on one side of the card and tell them to write down what happened when they completed it on the other side of the card. Ask them to bring it back next Sunday and share their experiences. Punch a hole in the corner of the card and tie a piece of yarn around it so they can hold on to it or hook it onto their backpack at home.



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