

Core Values

Huddle 5: *Ministry Focused*



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 up front...

- Does anyone here have a special talent? What is it?
- What is your favorite thing to do during your free time?

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 can tell me what we have been learning about the last 4 weeks in Up and Out? (*The Core Values*) Let's take a minute to review the Core Values we have already learned. Can I have a volunteer name one of the Core Values that we have talked about already and tell us what it means? (*Allow time for answers*.) Great! So we have already learned about being...

1. Biblically Oriented
2. Prayerfully Dependent
3. Faithfully Gathered
4. Courageously Generous

Today we will be learning about the fifth Core Value, **Ministry Focused**. Can you think of anyone who works in Ministry? (*Allow time for answers*) Pastors, church staff, and missionaries are often the first people that come to mind, but did you know that in the New Testament of the Bible the meaning of the word *ministry* has the same meaning as the word *service*? That means that anyone serving God is actually doing *ministry*. This includes those in full-time ministry and those who volunteer to serve.

Many of you are in Up and Out right now because your parents attend 1 service and serve during the other service. They are being **Ministry Focused**, which is one of the core values of our church. Do any of you know what type of ministry your parents are serving in? Let's make a list of all the different areas where they can serve. (*Teaching, Mosaic shadow, parking, welcome team, usher, audio-visual, worship team, security, bin stocking for classrooms, etc.*) There are so many ways in which the church uses volunteers to serve. I am not even sure we can list them all! It takes many staff members and volunteers each and every service to benefit the church as a whole!

Does God call all believers to serve? (*Yes*) Let's read from the Old Testament.

Deuteronomy 10:12 "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul."

How do your parents and others serve God through the areas we listed? (*Car parkers—allowing everyone to be safe; keep traffic moving smoothly; allowing visitors to feel welcome. Teachers—instructioning children on what the Bible says and who God is. Audio/Visual team—running sound and video so we can hear, see, and worship through the songs and the teaching*)

We know that God created us all to serve. Did He create us all to serve in the same way? No, not at all! How boring would that be! God is very creative and he uniquely designed us all to do different things.

Let's all turn to the New Testament:

Ephesians 4:16 "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

This verse tells us that when we do our part, what happens? (*It helps the other parts grow. The whole body is healthy, growing and full of love*)

The next passage we will read is:

I Peter 4:10-11, "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."

Right now many of your gifts and talents are just starting to develop. Some of you may already know what some of your strengths and weaknesses are. Maybe you know that you are really good at encouraging others. How can you use that gift to benefit those around you? (*Cheer up a sad friend, encourage a younger sibling who is frustrated about something, give your mom or dad a hug when they look tired or discouraged*) Whatever your own unique gifts are, try to be intentional this week to use them to serve those around you.

Let's pray and ask God to help us to use our gifts to serve Him and the people around us.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Talent Show – Name That Tune!

Supplies:

Dry Erase Board

Marker

Divide the kids into 2 groups. Let the class know that each clue is a well-known children's song. Team one will start with one volunteer in front of his/her group. Once he is given the clue from the teacher he can decide if he wants to hum the tune, act out the tune, or draw the tune on the dry erase board. His team will have 1 minute to guess the title of the song. If they do so they will get one point. If after one minute team 1 does not guess the correct answer, team 2 has a chance to guess and steal their point. If neither team is able to guess correctly no points are awarded. Team 2 is up next. They choose a volunteer. After seeing his or her clue they decide to hum/act/draw the tune. Team 2 has 1 minute to guess the correct answer. Play rotates back and forth allowing each child to participate. Whoever ends up with the most points wins.

SONG LIST:

1. Itsy Bitsy Spider
2. The Wheels on the Bus
3. Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
4. The B-I-B-L-E
5. Jesus Loves Me This I Know
6. Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
7. Old McDonald Had a Farm
8. Hokey, Pokey
9. If You're Happy and You Know It
10. Jesus Loves the Little Children
11. This Little Light of Mine
12. Father Abraham
13. Zacchaeus was a Wee Little Man
14. Row Row Row Your Boat
15. Baa Baa Black Sheep
16. Ants Go Marching (One by One)

17. I'm A Little Teapot

18. London Bridges Falling Down

19. Mary Had a Little Lamb

20. Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

What Can the Body of Christ Do?

Materials Needed:

- Copy/construction paper

Each child draws a person and lists all the different ways they can think of that the parts of the body work together to serve the church. The volunteer may need to help come up with some ideas.



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