

One Another

Huddle 11 – *Show Hospitality to One Another*



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips from parents 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 should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. A few questions to ask the children that tie into the lesson are:

- Do you have any family coming in to town for the holidays? Do you ever travel and stay with family or friends for vacation or trips?
- Were you ever new in a situation? A team member, or classmate? How did you feel? Did anyone welcome you and make you feel more comfortable?

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**.

Today is our LAST One Another! Before we get into the lesson, let’s say our Up & Out Bible verse.

“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39.

Today, our last One Another is from 1Peter 4:9. It says, “Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.” Who thinks they know what “hospitality” means? Someone raise their hand and tell me. (*allow responses*) Hospitality means being generous to guests. The Greek word in the verse is philoxenos [fil-ox'-en-os], philo means loving, and xenos means strangers.

Why do you think Peter is telling these believers to show hospitality to one another? Peter is saying we should be hospitable in light of the fact that Jesus is coming back! We have hope because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Our hope is that one day we will live with God in eternity and He will make all things new. So while we wait for His return we need to practice self-control, patience with each other, and being hospitable. These are ways we can show love to others.

What are some examples of being “hospitable” to others? Welcoming a new classmate by sitting by them at lunch or inviting them to play with you at recess is a great way to love a stranger like the verse says.

Raise your hands and tell me how many of you travel during the holidays for Thanksgiving and Christmas? (*call on a specific child*) How do you feel welcomed when you go there? What are some things that tell you your host is glad you have come? (*clean sheets, hot meals, gifts, etc.*)

Say I have family coming over for a meal that I invited them to come to. If I sit around in my pajamas all day, don’t prepare the meal, leave my stuff all over the house, and watch TV all day, am I being hospitable? No way! How do you think my family would feel if this is how I greeted them for a dinner I invited them to? What should I do to show them I care about them and have been looking forward to their coming? (*shower, have food ready, sit at the table together and talk, not watch TV, etc.*)

The second part of that verse says, “without grumbling.” This means we shouldn’t complain when we have to tidy up for guests, or when we have to share our toys with our sibling’s friends. We should be generous and welcoming because that shows that we care for others as Jesus commanded us to.

This week when you have friends come over or your parents have Community Group at your house you can make them feel welcomed by helping to clean up the house beforehand. Make it obvious that they were expected and that you are glad they are there.

Ask some of the children to pray or lead them in prayer. Pray that God will show the children ways they can be hospitable and loving to strangers. Thank God that He sent Jesus while we were “strangers” to Him in our sin and that He loved us enough to sacrifice His Son so we could be in heaven together one day.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Construction Paper Placemats

Supplies needed:

- Construction paper
- Glue

- Scissors
- Tape (optional)

Directions:

Choose two different colors of construction paper. Cut one piece of paper into 1" strips vertically, and the other piece in 1" strips horizontally. Glue the corners of one vertical strip and one horizontal strip together. Continue to attach the remaining horizontal strips to the vertical strip. Then weave in remaining vertical strip and glue ends together. Tape edges for extra hold.

