

One Another

Huddle 10 – *Stir Up One Another*



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 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:

- Have you ever ridden a horse?
- Have you ever needed a push on a swing or down a slide to get going?

Huddle Teams

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

Opening Prayer

Leaders pray 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**.

We are going to talk about horses today!

Has anyone in here ever ridden a horse? Raise your hand, and explain to everyone the important things you need to remember when riding. (*encourage the bit and/or spurs for directing the horse*)

The part that steers the horse is the bit in its mouth, along with the reins that you hold to turn the horse’s head to the left or the right. Do you guys know what you use to get the horse started? What makes it go? (*heels/spur in their side*)

Spurs are not always needed on your boots to get the horse to go, but sometimes, horse riders have spurs for the purpose of directing a horse to move forward while riding. It’s a tool that’s helpful to get the horse to move forward.

Our “one another” topic that we are learning about today is from Hebrews, Chapter 10 in verse 24. Let’s read it: “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.” We are to stir one another up. Another word for “stir up” is to provoke. The Greek word here means “irritate”, or “spur one another on”.

So what do you think is the connection between the spur on a boot of a horseback rider and the spurring of one another on in Christ? (*moving forward, provoking movement, encouraging, leading others to see Christ, etc.*) Just like a rider uses their heels (or spurs on their boot) to move a horse forward, we can use our words and actions to move others forward to love and good works.

What would be the opposite of moving or encouraging someone to love and good works? [*leading them to disobey*] Have any of you lead someone to disobey or has someone else led you into disobeying? How did that turn out for you? Were there consequences?

When you are teasing with your brother/sister and they ask you to stop, but you don’t, are you spurring them on to love and good works? NO! You are moving them to frustration and anger. You may have thought it was funny, but you are actually being unkind and need to stop the first time they ask you.

If you ask for a piece of candy from your parents, and they say no, and then you get your younger brother to ask them again for candy, are you spurring him on and encouraging him to good works? NO! You are arguing with your parents and using your brother as a way to do it. This engages him in your sin! Is this right? NO!

Think of “stirring one another” to do loving things like being on a horse; when you use your spurs on the horse, it moves forward. When you spur others on, they are moving forward *towards* Jesus by becoming more like Him. You can look for the good in others and encourage that. You can stop the first time your sibling asks when you are doing something that bothers them. You can choose not to follow a classmate that may be making an unwise choice. There are lots of ways you can spur or stir others towards love and good deeds. Peter tells us we should do it because our hope is in Jesus, not in justice or making things fair for ourselves. In verse 23, he says “hold fast the reason for our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

God has made all of His promises of rescue come true in Jesus. Because Jesus was perfect, died innocently, and conquered death, we can live with the hope that one day He will return. He will be the one who makes all things right, giving us the freedom to move forward like a horse when it is prodded by spurs. Because of Jesus we can move towards Him and towards others in love! This is great news for us!

Ask some of the children to pray, or lead them in prayer. Pray that God will help us to see our selfishness, and instead turn to loving others by moving them towards Jesus.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Hobby Horse Bookmark

Materials:

- Craft foam
- Colored popsicle stick
- Colored string
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Template

Directions:

Use the template to cut out two horse heads from the foam. Cut the string into small pieces to create the horse's mane. Glue the horses' heads together. Sandwich the ends of the string and the popsicle stick between the two pieces. Glue on the googly eyes.



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