

One Another



Huddle 1 – Love 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. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- Share something with the children that someone else has done or regularly does for you that makes you feel loved or lets you know they love you.
- Would anyone share something someone has done for you that made you feel loved?
- Who will share a way they try to show love to others ...at home? ...at school? ...with friends?

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 begins our One Another Series. We will be discovering all of the different ways God has told us in the Bible to look out to others. We get to learn about the different ways God wants us to treat one another. Every week, we will be learning about a new “One Another” – pray for one another, comfort one another, and serve one another. This week, we will begin with the new commandment Jesus gave His disciples.

Does anyone know about the Ten Commandments? (*allow responses*)

Can anyone tell me what new commandment Jesus gives His disciples in the New Testament? (*allow responses*)

The Bible's stories about Jesus' life show us a lot about how he thinks we should treat one another. Jesus told his followers: “Now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I

have loved you, you should love each other" (John 13:34). Jesus said it is a command for us to love each other.

What does "command" mean?

Do you think this is a hard command to follow?

Why do you think Jesus would command us to love one another?

Jesus says that he wants us to love others because that is how people will know we belong to him! The next verse in John, verse 35, says "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." If we grab something from a friend's hand, or tease someone who is different than us or push in line to get goldfish at snacktime first, are we acting like we belong to Jesus? No! We are to look out to others. We are to think of others first. We are to think of others as better than ourselves – just like Jesus.

Do you know what He did for the disciples right before He told them to love others?

He washed their feet! They were having a very special meal together, and Jesus, instead of acting like their Master and Teacher, became their Servant. Back when Jesus was alive, roads were just dirt, they weren't paved. They were smelly, because animals used the streets as their bathrooms, and people tossed their bathwater and toilet water out on the streets. And people wore sandals! Think about how gross your feet would be if you walked in sandals in that kind of filth. So before you ate a meal in someone's house, you had to take your sandals off and a servant would wipe the dirt and smell off of your feet. Instead of a servant doing this for the disciples, or even the disciples doing this for Jesus, Jesus humbles himself and serves his disciples by wiping all of the mud and yucky smells off of their feet. He serves them in love.

What is another way Jesus showed us He loves us? (*His death on the cross to take our punishment for our sins*)

Do any of you love like that? Would you be willing to take someone else's punishment in their place?

Jesus showed us how to love one another by his actions. He washed the feet of his disciples. He died for our sins, even though He had done nothing wrong. And He didn't wait for us to love Him before He loved us. Just like Jesus, we are to show we love God by loving others first. I want you to think of one person that you can show love to this week. In your head, think about a person that may be hard to love, that you may not always get along with, or a person that may need lots of help. Ask God to help you see ways you can love that person, even if you don't feel like it or it's not always easy. God loves to see His people loving others! That is how He knows we love Him!

Ask some of the children to pray, or lead them in prayer that God will show them ways they can look out to others, loving others first. Pray that examples will be shown even during the time together during Up & Out to think of others first.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Love One Another Heart Craft

Materials:

Scissors

Paper Plates

Markers and/or crayons



Directions:

Fold the plate in half, and cut along the rim of the smooth center of the plate until you get almost to the opposite end of the semi-circle. Once almost at the end, turn the plate and begin to cut back across the smooth part of the plate and cut a half heart. Children can try to cut their own if you have/create a template. Then have children put the verse for Love One Another in the center of the heart.

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34

Tell the kids to be thinking about people they can show love to during the week, and write those names around the perimeter of the plate. They can take these home as a reminder of the One Another lesson on Love One Another.

ACTIVITY: Name Game

Can be done as a large group if the group is not too big. Otherwise, divide into 4 teams (1st & 2nd grade girls, 1st & 2nd grade boys, etc.) or into boys & girls.

This is to show love to others by learning each others' names.

Sit in a circle with the group. Choose one of the children to start. They will say their name and a food that starts with the first letter of their name. Eg. "Lindsay Lettuce". The next child says their name, their food, and then repeats the first name that was shared. Eg. "I'm Julie Jelly and that is Lindsay Lettuce". Go around the circle until the last person goes and tries to remember all of the names of the friends in the circle.



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