

# One Another

## Huddle 3 – *Be Devoted to 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...

- What do you think the word “devoted” means? (*loyal, dependable, committed, etc.*)
- Do you have any examples of seeing devotion lived out (*dogs/pets devoted to families, siblings sticking together, loyal to a team, etc.*)
- What does being devoted look like in God’s kingdom?
- How can you be devoted to one another this week?

#### 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**.

Let’s say our Bible verse for Up & Out: “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. We are going to work on memorizing this verse later today.

We will be talking about a new “One Another” today.

Ask them to raise their hands: Who remembers the One Another lesson we talked about last week?

Last week we learned that Jesus asks us to care for One Another. We should be concerned when others are hurting or sad, we should be thinking of others more than we think about ourselves. Today, we are going to add to our One Another list by talking about being devoted to One Another. Let's read the verse from Romans to learn more. "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Hopefully you guys had a chance to talk about what devotion means in your teams. Raise your hands and tell me your example of being devoted, or loyal to someone.

Does anyone have a pet dog at home? *(allow responses)* Do you see ways they are loyal, or devoted, to you or your family? Animals can be very devoted to their owners. They can keep us company and sit by us when we need a friend. Sometimes they can even tell when we are sad versus happy. A good dog will love you even if you get mad at it or forget to feed it – they can love us unconditionally.

If a dog can be faithful and devoted, then we can be even more devoted to others. Do you know why we can be more devoted than an animal? *(we are made in God's image)*

We can be more devoted than a pet is because we are made in God's image, and He gave us the capacity to do things that He does. God was very devoted to the Israelites even though they grumbled and complained in the desert and worshipped idols when He told them not to. But God made promises to the Israelites, and even though they didn't always make good choices, God was devoted and loyal to them because they belonged to Him.

Raise your hand if you have a sibling.

Isn't it so hard to love your brothers and sister sometimes? They know what makes you angry, and sometimes they do those things just to make you angry. You sometimes do things to them, just to make them angry. However, God put you in the same family together for a reason. Just like He was devoted to the Israelites no matter how badly they behaved, you can be devoted to others like that too. It takes us asking God for His help to do this, though. We can't do anything like that on our own because of our sin. But if we ask God for help, He promises to hear us and will give us what we need.

This week, I want you to practice being devoted to others. If you have a brother or sister I want you to be devoted to them. That means forgiving them quickly when they sin against you, and going out of your way to think of them first – give them the best seat in the car, serve them first at dinner time, or give them the last chocolate granola bar for snack. Even if it doesn't feel fair, or they aren't doing anything in return, you should try to practice being loyal. Devotion is not about keeping things even, but about choosing to stick by someone out of love even if they do nothing for you in return.

Ask some of the children to pray or lead them in prayer. Pray that God will show them ways they

can look out to others, be a devoted friend or sibling, and quickly forgive. Pray that examples will be shown even during the time together during Up & Out to think of others first.

*Huddle Up, Pray, & Break*

## **ACTIVITY: Bible Verse Memorization Game**

Supplies:

- 38 notecards
- Pen/marker

Memory 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.

Directions:

Write one word of the verse on each card. (ie. the first card will just have “You” on it, the second card, “must”, etc.) Matthew 22:37-39 is on one card. Depending on the number of children in your class you can choose to either:

1. Hand out one card per child. Then challenge them to put themselves in order as quickly as they can, and read the verse out loud. If there are more than 38 kids, just swap some children out for another round so that everyone has a turn. You can do this as many times as you have time for, trying to get faster each time. Make sure you recite the verse all together each time they unscramble it to aid in memorization!
2. Divide the children into even teams. Let one team take a turn laying the cards in order on the floor. Time them to see how fast they can go. Do this until all of the teams have had a chance to go. If you have time and kids are enjoying it, make a goal to get their team times even faster for Round 2. Make sure you recite the verse all together each time they unscramble it to aid in memorization!



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