

One Another

Huddle 4 – *Serve 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...

- Have you ever been to a restaurant where the waiter/waitress comes to your table and takes your order and brings you your food?
- Do you like being served in that way?
- Who are some other people in your life that serve you?
- Is there anyone in your life that you serve?

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**.

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.

This morning, we will be talking about a new “One Another” – serving one another.

Who remembers the One Another lesson we talked about last week? (*ask them to raise their hands*)

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Last week we learned that Jesus asks us to be devoted/loyal to one another. We should be concerned when others are hurting or sad and we should be thinking of others more than we think about ourselves. Today, we are going to add to our list by talking about serving one another. Being quick to forgive and committed to loving and serving others is a way we show Jesus's love to others.

Let's read the verse from Galatians to learn more about what God says about serving one another.

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."

Paul is talking to the people in Galatia, warning them that they do not need to follow all of the laws of Judaism in order to belong to Jesus. He tells them that they need to use the freedom they have from sin to choose to serve others and not themselves. The word Paul uses for "serve" in Greek is *douleu*. It means enslaved or to serve as a slave. Serving is not easy. When you think about a slave that person doesn't have a choice but to serve. God wants you to love others so much that you don't have to make the choice, but that you serve others because He served us.

What is the grossest or hardest job you can think of having when you are a grown up? (*trash collector, pig slopper, roadkill collector, etc.*)

What do you think would happen if there weren't people who were willing to do those kinds of dirty, messy jobs?

Hopefully you all had a chance to talk about dining out at a restaurant with your family. The only part of the restaurant you see is the part with people sitting with their families, loved ones sharing a meal, and the servers taking orders. You only see the nice and clean parts. However, if you go out back where the kitchen and trash bins are, it is not as nice and tidy.

What do you think the restaurant would be like if there were only waiters and waitresses? What would happen if there wasn't anyone to clean the dishes, take out the trash, sweep the kitchen floors, and cook the food?

There wouldn't be anything to eat! There would be no reason to even go to the restaurant. If it's just a building full of people who bring food and there isn't a team of different kinds of workers working together the restaurant can't be what it was made to be.

Everyone has a job they can do. God made us to work, from the very beginning. He put Adam, the first man ever created, to work in the garden and take care of the animals. No job is better or more important than another. Although, the world makes us believe otherwise. If people didn't do the dirty work, nothing else would work like it was supposed to.

How can you serve others? In what ways do you serve your family or friends or teachers?

Serving others is not about getting paid to do it. It comes from a heart that loves others and is willing to step in to help. Even if you didn't make the mess, you have the freedom to choose to help. You can look around you and see how others need help by thinking about how you would want to be helped. If you have an armload of stuff to carry, someone opening the door for you would be awesome help! If you can't reach something, having your mom or dad reach it for you is a big help. There are so many chances we have around us to help and serve in little ways.

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 by opening their eyes to all the ways they can serve others. Pray that examples will be shown to them even during their time together in Up & Out.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Hot Potato Memory Verse Memorization

Supplies:

- Ball

Directions:

Have children sit on the floor in a circle. The first child says the first word of the verse and rolls a ball to anyone in the circle. The child receiving the ball says the second word of the verse and so on. You can do this outside if you have the space. If playing outside, you may want to kick the ball instead of rolling it to give the kids a chance to be more active.

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ACTIVITY: Serve One Another Coupons

Supplies:

- White Paper
- Scissors
- Markers

Directions:

Cut the pieces of paper into fourths. Have the children come up with ideas for "service coupons" that they can give to others as a way to practice serving others. Let them decorate the coupons once complete.

*** Remind them that they can add an additional day or time to each chore if they already do the chore normally; however, if it is something already expected of them they are not necessarily going out of their way to serve others.

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Ideas:

- Pick up younger siblings' toys
- Take the trash out
- Water house plants/porch plants
- Sweep the front/back porch, walkway, or driveway
- Pick up sticks in the lawn
- Clear table from family meal for all family members



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