

One Another

Huddle 5 – *Live in Harmony With 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...

- Do you have a friend that likes the same things as you? What is it like when you get together with this friend? Is it easy? Do you look forward to it?
- Tell me your favorite food? What makes it so yummy to you? What ingredient would ruin that yummy taste for you?
- What do you think the word “harmony” means?

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.

Ask them to raise their hands to answer. Who can name the topics of the last 4 “One Another” lessons we have talked about? (*Love One Another, Care for One Another, Be Devoted to One Another, Serve One Another*)

Today we are adding another one to the list, “Live in Harmony With One Another”. Our verse comes from Romans Chapter 12 verse 16, “Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all!”

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Someone tell me what they think the word “harmony” means. (*friendly, compatible, unity*)

Someone raise their hand and tell me their favorite food. (*get ONLY ONE answer here, to use as an example*)

Think about your favorite food. Think about the way it tastes and all of the ingredients coming together to form something yummy. Now imagine with me for a second. Pretend your favorite food is your mom’s chocolate chip cookie. Now take that cookie and dip it in ketchup. That would be so gross! It would ruin the harmony of the ingredients. Now think about a soccer team. Think about all the different positions people have on a soccer field. What if a forward all of sudden decided they wanted to be the goalie too? Then there would be one less person to kick the ball into the goal. They would lose, because that one person decided to do whatever they wanted instead of being in unity with their team and playing the part they are given.

That is what harmony is like! When all the pieces put together make something wonderful. The Greek equivalent for live in harmony with one another is to “be like-minded with each other.” That means you don’t want to be the ketchup on the cookie. You don’t want to be the selfish person in a situation that makes the entire moment turn into a bad one. When you are folding clothes with your sibling, don’t fuss at them and tell them they are doing it “wrong”. When you are with your classmates and one of them is not doing exactly as the teacher instructed them, don’t brag about how you follow the rules and they don’t. Think of others first and then you can be in harmony with one another! How would you like it if someone were to make you feel silly for choosing to do something different than the way they think it should be done? If our goal is the same, why should we argue about how we get there? We should all have the same goal, and that is loving God and serving others.

The last part of the verse, “don’t think you know it all”, is very challenging. What does being a “know-it-all” mean? What is the root sin of that attitude? (*Pride*)

It is so easy to think we know all there is to know about something and to make people feel silly for not knowing it. We can never know it all; however, Jesus did and still does! He was God and knew all there is to know about all things. Although He knew everything, He never made the disciples feel silly for not understanding or knowing certain things. He taught them, loved them, and lived in harmony with them. That is how we are supposed to treat others as well. We are to set aside our pride, be like-minded, and serve one another with the same goal of love.

Ask some of the children to pray, or lead them in prayer that God will show them ways they can look out to others. Pray that the Spirit will humble them so they can practice harmony with one another. Pray that examples will be shown even now during their time together in Up & Out to live in harmony.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Bible Verse Memorization Game

Supplies:

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- 2-4 copies of the memory verse
- 10-12 balloons
- Big plastic bags

Directions:

Print off 2 to 4 copies (depending on how many teams you will have) of the memory verse on different pieces of paper. Cut up the memory verse into individual words and put the words into 5-6 balloons per team. Blow up the balloons and put them in big plastic bags until it's time for the game to begin. Split the group into teams. Each team needs to pop their balloons to release the phrases from the memory verse and work together to unscramble the phrases. The first team to arrange the memory verse and read it out is the winner.

Note: this could be a really good opportunity to practice living in harmony with others. There will most likely be kids who are set on being the ones to pop the balloons and they may argue over that. Keep your ears out for any opportunities to immediately apply the lesson to the games and activities.

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.



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