

One Another

Huddle 8 – *Bear 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.

Preparation

The Huddle Leader teaching this lesson needs to prepare an example from his/her life about dealing with bearing with another’s faults. Think of something someone in your life does that is bothersome and how you have dealt with it sinfully and how you have dealt with it in love.

Huddle Teams

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

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 are your “pet peeves”? Things that get on your nerves? (be careful not to let them get too far into criticizing specific people, siblings, etc.)
- What are some things or habits you do that annoy other people? (Could be something they collect or a routine/habit they have) Give personal examples to get them thinking.

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 is a very helpful lesson because it tells us how to approach people that may be hard for us to hang around.

Think about something that your sibling does that may drive you crazy. Raise your hands and give me an example, but remember not to be mean about it. Simply tell us something they do that bothers you.

What do you think the Bible is going to tell us about dealing with people who are annoying to us?

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Do you think God's word is going to tell us we have the freedom to ignore people? Will He instruct us to turn and run away anytime we don't get along with someone? Or is He going to say that we can roll our eyes and make sure they know we don't like them? NO WAY!

Here is what the Bible says about how to treat ALL PEOPLE: "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain unity in the Spirit." (Ephesians 4:1b-3a).

God's Word tells us we are to "bear with one another". What do you think this means?

The phrase "bearing with one another" means to put up with, endure, or tolerate. These words don't mean to change their behavior so it doesn't bother you anymore. It means you have to grin and bear it. So you know all of those annoying things that your brother or sister do that drive you crazy? What they are doing may not be a sin and it may not be wrong even though you find it annoying. According to what Paul says in Ephesians, if we are supposed to be people that are different because of Jesus we should endure one another out of love for each other. This includes our siblings! The verse even tells us why, to maintain unity.

(LEADER: Give your example of something your best friend/sibling/spouse may do that bothers you. Tell the children how it bothers you, how you have handled it poorly in the past, and how you can handle it by following God's Word)

We have talked about other people and the things they may do that bother you. Now think about yourself: what are some things you do that you know bother your siblings? When your siblings tease you or speak harshly to you about it, how does it make you feel?

Do you now agree or disagree that it is more like Jesus to put up with each other's quirks and faults? We all have faults. We are all sinful, and broken. To get mad at someone else for doing something different than you is not the way Jesus calls us to behave. You are no better than your sibling that drives you crazy sometimes. We are all sinners and we all have faults. If you bear with one another in love instead of getting mad, think about how you could change your relationship with others!

This verse in Ephesians tells us to be patient with one another by bearing with one another in love, or putting up with one another. We can do that because Jesus died for all of our sins and all of our faults. His Spirit can give us the power to have patience with the little things we can't change about others, and instead love them just as He loves us despite our sin.

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

ACTIVITY: What Can the Body of Christ Do?

Supplies:

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- Large sheet of butcher paper or copy/construction paper

Directions:

(Butcher Paper) Have 1 student lie on the paper and trace out their outline. Have the students write and draw different ways we can serve the church with our bodies.

(Copy/Construction Paper) Each child draws a person and lists all the different ways the parts of the body work together to serve the church.

Examples:

Mouth—Sing, teach, greet.

Feet—set up/tear down, usher people to their seats, greeters finding the right classrooms

Eyes—Parking team, security team

ACTIVITY: Name Game

Everyone sits in a circle. The first person says their name and a food or candy that starts with the same letter as their first name. (April – apple, Tyler—Twix, Caleb—cucumber) The second person says player #1's name and food, plus their own name and food, and it continues around the circle.

ACTIVITY: Peek a Who?

Have everyone close their eyes and select 2 people to stand back to back. Everyone can open their eyes on the count of 3 and both students turn around to face each other. Whoever says the name of the other person first wins. Play continues until students lose interest.



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