



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Serving Others

God has given me gifts and talents to serve others and tell people about Jesus!

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Leader Guide

Engage:

On index cards, write some words for the kids to draw for a game of Pictionary. The words should be different ways that people can serve others in the church. (Examples: watching kids, cleaning up, shoveling snow, teaching, singing songs, welcoming others, etc.) Put the cards in a paper bag. Have the kids sit in a circle and take turns pulling out a card and drawing a picture for the others to guess. Afterwards, talk about how there are so many ways that people can serve God both in the church and community.

Discuss:

Have the kids open their Bibles and read together
1 Corinthians 12

Take a ballpoint pen and remove the spring. Ask the kids what part of the pen would be the most important. When the kids are talking, have them try to use the pen. Show them the spring and talk about how this little piece that may not seem important is one of many things that makes the pen work. Talk to the kids about how each and every person is important, no matter how small. God has given each person a specific role to help build the Body of Christ, from those who clean the church, those who work with babies, and those who are out on stage. Each person is important!

- Why is every person important?
- Is one person more important than another?
- Why do we need to work together and encourage one another?

Response:

Give each kid a blank puzzle piece. Have them pray and ask God what they can do to serve others. It may be something in the church, but it could also be something in the home or community. Have the kids write down what God says to them and then put their piece in a gift bag as a way of giving it to God.

Memorize: **In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:16, NLT)**

Divide the kids into groups of two and wrap their touching legs together with crepe paper/bandana. The kids will be playing a three legged race. Before you start as a group go over the memory verse a few times. At the starting line have all the kids in their groups line up and talk about the importance of working together. When the kids reach the finish line have the memory verse written and mixed up on paper plates. The kids will have to cross the finish line and put the verse together. The team to put the verse together and shout it wins!

Create:

Write out a list of volunteers, either in a department at the church or in the kids ministry. Have a bunch of craft supplies available and let the kids make encouragement cards for that individual or team. Gather all the cards and send them out this week to encourage those serving in the church.

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What was the Big Idea?
God has given me ____ and
____ to ____ others and tell
people about Jesus!

What is a way that you can serve
someone this week and help them?
Don't just think about it, but put love in
action and go serve them!

Memory Verse:

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out for all to see, so that everyone will praise
your heavenly Father.

(Matthew 5:16, NLT)