



# 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

June 21-22, 2014

DATE

Mark 10:35-45  
Adventure Bible (pp. 1109-1110)

WHERE TO FIND IT

The Teachings of Jesus

LESSON TITLE

If we want to be great in God's kingdom, we must serve others.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

Emphasize that to be great in God's kingdom, we must serve others and put ourselves last.

Have kids leave their Connect Time prizes at their small group area so it doesn't distract them during large group.

## check-in/out

Welcome kids and start a meaningful conversation with them! You could find small ways to serve kids before Large Group starts, to further emphasize our lesson for the day.

Encourage kids to remember to give their encouragement note to someone this week!

## large group heads up

We will be watching a segment of *Cars* today that teaches us how to be great by serving others. We'll be talking about how Jesus' kingdom is different from the world's. To be great, we must put ourselves below other people instead of above them.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

**Before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**

### **PARTNER PICK-UP**

Break the whole group into two teams and place a **Team 1 bin/bucket** and a **Team 2 bin/bucket** in a central location.

- On each team, give half the kids a **paper cup** and half the kids a **plastic spoon**
- Before the game starts, a leader should scatter **cotton balls** across the floor
- Here are the rules:
  - Kids have one minute to collect as many cotton balls as they can (per team).
  - The trick is, kids with spoons have to pick up the cotton balls; kids with cups collect them (no pushing a cotton ball into a cup from the floor!)
  - When a kid's cup is full, he/she can dump the cotton balls into their team's bin.
- After you've explained the rules to kids, begin the **1-minute countdown!**
- The team who has collected the most cotton balls at the end of 1 minute, wins!
- **After you've played, break into smaller groups and ask kids to share their names and the best/worst parts of their week.**

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## instructions

**Goal:** To help kids understand that we need to serve others to be great in God's kingdom.

**Why?** Jesus says that He came to earth to serve others instead of being served, and he wants us to do the same thing!

**Tip:** We want kids to understand that serving others means putting others first, and ourselves last. It may not seem fair at first, but it's what Jesus does for us everyday!

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY AND DIG DEEPER

**\*If you want, pass a beanbag around. The one holding the beanbag gets to answer the question.**

1. First, read **Mark 10:35-45** together.
2. What did James and John want from Jesus?
3. Why do you think they wanted to sit by Jesus' side in his kingdom?
4. What did Jesus say to James and John?
5. What does it mean to serve others above you?
6. Jesus said "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as ransom." Do you know what the word ransom means? (*It means something you pay in exchange for something.*)
7. Why would Jesus say that he is a ransom for us? Why would he give his life in exchange for us? (*Because He loves us, because he wants to serve us.*)

### SERVE OTHERS THROUGH ENCOURAGING

- **ASK:** What are some specific ways you could serve someone else this week?
  - **Brainstorm** together
  - Then **say:** Encouragement is a great way to serve people. It requires us to build people up by saying kind words to them. Instead of thinking about ourselves, we are thinking about others!
- Hand each kid an **envelope** and a **piece of paper**.
- Tell each kid to **think about one specific person** in their life they want to serve. It could be mom, dad, a sibling, a friend, a bully, anyone.
- **Write** their name on the envelope.
- Then **write/draw** something encouraging to that person on the piece of paper (it could be a nice note or even a "coupon" for an act of service).

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- **Decorate** the paper with **markers, stickers** and **stampers**. Put the paper in the envelope and seal it up!
- As they decorate, **discuss**:
  - Would anyone like to share who they are going to encourage? What will you say to them?
  - How do you all feel when someone says an encouraging thing to you? How do you think it will make someone else feel when you give them this note?
  - Jesus really valued encouragement. Has there ever been a time in your life when you feel Jesus has encouraged you?
- Tell kids that they must give this piece of encouragement to that person this week!

**\*Pray with the kids, asking Jesus to help us put others above ourselves this week.**

*Extra time? Get a piece of blank paper and make another card. You could also play Simon Says again (from Connect Time).*

## special notes

We'll be watching a video clip from the movie Cars (1:20:54-1:25:50), which shows Lightning McQueen giving up his dream of winning the race to help serve his friends at Radiator Springs. We'll also be looking at Mark 10:35-45.

## presenter tips

Today is about understanding that Jesus' kingdom is different from the world's kingdom, and for us to be great we have to serve others first.

## script

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kid's Club! We are so glad you're here today. Take a second and give a high five to someone you don't know. (Let kids respond.)

Now, let's talk about the game you just played. Raise your hand if you had a spoon (let kids respond). Those of you with spoons, who did you need to get your cotton ball into your team's bin? (Let kids say: a person with a cup.) That's right! And raise your hand if you had a cup (let kids respond). Who did you need to help you get a cotton ball to take to the bin? (Let kids say: a person with a spoon.) Yep!

You had to help each other—and the team who helped each other the best, or at least the fastest, won!

### **SERVING OTHERS**

You know, that's kind of like what Jesus told us about serving and helping each other. Let's check out a verse that tells us what Jesus says about serving others (call someone to come up to the stage and read the verse):

**SLIDE: Mark 10: 44-45: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life [to rescue many people]."**

Can someone tell me what you think that verse means? (Call on a kid). Jesus is telling us that to be great, we have to serve others! Instead of putting ourselves first, we should put *others* first, just like how the team that helped each other the best was the team that won today's Connect Time game.

### **GIVING UP WHAT WE LOVE**

Let's watch this movie clip from Cars and see how Lightning McQueen gives something up to



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serve his friends. Remember, in the past, we've seen clips about how he was all about winning races and becoming famous. As you watch, see if you can figure out what he gave up for the people in Radiator Springs.

### **Video clip 1: Cars (1:20:54-1:25:50)**

Who would like to tell me what Lightning did for his friends in that video? (Call on a kid to answer.) That's right! He gave up something really important, the Piston Cup, so that he could help his friends finish the road and make their town whole again! He wanted to win the Piston Cup more than anything, but he knew that serving others was more important than winning.

Now I want everyone to imagine something that you really, really want. It could be a video game, a new toy, anything at all. (Pause.) Imagine that Jesus wants you to give that awesome thing to someone else! I don't know about you, but for me, that would be pretty hard! It's not always easy to put others first. But Jesus says that to be the best in his kingdom, you must be the least. You must give to others and be their servant.

### **GOD'S KINGDOM**

Let's take a look at that verse from Mark again:

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Right before Jesus said these words, 2 of his disciples, James and John (who were brothers), asked Jesus if they could sit on His left and right side when He became King. They were basically asking Him if they could be more important than anyone else when His kingdom came to earth! But Jesus had something else in mind for them.

Jesus said that instead of asking for glory and power, they should *actually* ask to be as low as servants! Instead of ruling over others, they should serve others above themselves! This was a really strange thing for Jesus to say, because in the kingdom of this world, important or powerful people don't usually serve others at all!

### **THE WORLD'S KINGDOM**

Wait serving...to be great? This seems backwards to us. Let's take a look at how people sometimes act...and whether or not that looks like the way JESUS lived. So I'm going to show you a picture and you try to tell me what's happening in it. As soon as you think you know, jump up! Then we'll see if that's what Jesus would have done. Ready?

**(Show picture of kid vacuuming.)** Stand up if you can figure out what's happening here. (Let kids guess.) Yep, this little guy is doing the vacuuming for his older sister. Has anybody in here ever asked a little brother or sister to do a chore for you? (Let kids respond.)

While there's not necessarily anything wrong with having a sibling help you out, would Jesus have asked people to serve him? (Let kids respond.) No! Jesus would instead serve others as if



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He himself were the servant! Sit down and let's do another one.

**(Show person covering her ears.)** So who knows what's happening here? (Let kids stand.) That's right! This person doesn't want to listen to something somebody else is saying. She's covering her ears. She could probably look a little more mad, but let's pretend she's *really* angry!

Does anybody know what Jesus did to *his* enemies, to people who were mad at or mean to him? (Let kids respond.) Awesome, thank you! Jesus *loved* his enemies! When Jesus says to love other people, he means *everyone*, not just people we like. Let's do one more...

**(Show person shoving another.)** What's happening here? Again, stand up if you know! (Let kids stand.) That's exactly right! One cyclist is shoving another, because he wants all the glory for himself.

Did Jesus want power and glory for himself? (Let kids respond.) No! He gave up everything for us, even died for us on the cross and forgave our sins. He served us and then gave God all the glory. Now go ahead and sit back down.

Jesus said time and time again that serving others above ourselves is actually the best, most rewarding way to live! If we want to win...first we must lose! To Jesus, greatness isn't measured by how powerful or cool we are. It's measured by how much we serve others above ourselves.

### PRAY

Let's take a minute to pray before we sing today. Ask someone to come and ask God to help us serve others, like Jesus.

### WORSHIP

Let's sing a song about how we can be Jesus' hands and feet. That's what happens when we act like him! The second song is a love song to Jesus! Let's sing to him to tell him that we want to live like he did!

**Music Video: Come With Me**

**Song: Alive**



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# PREP needs



## connect time supplies

### Per kid

- ½ kids get plastic spoons
- ½ kids get paper cups

### Per room

- 2 bins (containers of some sort; can be boxes) labeled “Team 1” and “Team 2”
- 100 cotton balls

## small group supplies

### Per kid

One envelope and piece of paper (can purchase from [www.paper-source.com](http://www.paper-source.com): search “multi-color A2 stationary set”)

### Per group

markers  
beanbag  
Adventure Bible (pp. 1109-1110)  
Several blank sheets of paper (in case there’s extra time)  
Stickers (any random assortment for decoration)  
5 stampers (OT: IN-5/720)

## large group supplies

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## a/v needs

1. One-minute countdown: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6Zmo5Q0AZ0>
2. SLIDE: Mark 10: 44-45: “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life [to rescue many people].”
3. Video 1: Cars clip 4 (start time 1:20:54-end time 1:25:50)
4. SLIDE: Mark 10: 44-45: “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life [to rescue many people].”
5. Image: little kid vacuuming
6. Image: girl covering ears
7. Image: cyclist shoving another
8. Music Video: Come with Me (with musicians)
9. Song: Alive (Hillsong)
10. Add songs from Cars soundtrack

## connect questions

Tell me what Jesus said about being great.  
How can we serve others?

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