

3C KIDS LESSON

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LESSON OVERVIEW

Let us say it together:

"I will use what God has given me to serve others"

What to prepare

- Read in advance:
 - Genesis 39
 - Genesis 41



Sing along

Copy these links, paste into your browser to play the preferred songs for the week

- We are the light:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvvFAZfU_x4
- First:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io>
- To know You:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWSO&t=21s>

Memory verse

- 1Peter 4:10 NLT

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

Word of the week

Serve

Activity Sheets

- Word search
- Fact Find
- Fill in blanks
- Colouring

Fitness Fun

Fitness is always fun when you involve the family. Learn new skills and grow strong together with these exercises.

Hello Mom and Dad

Your family is precious to the Lord. We pray that you will be firm in your faith and confidence in God and His plan even in turbulent times. May you receive strength and wisdom in this season as you continue to journey with Him. God surrounds you and your family now and forever.

*Those who trust in the Lord are as secure as Mount Zion;
they will not be defeated but will endure forever.*

*2 Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
both now and forever.*

Psalm 125:1-2

We are continuing to learn from our hero of the month, Joseph! Today's lesson will focus on serving. The first place where children should serve is in their homes, so it is important that they learn to do so from a young age. Have fun teaching from your mistakes and victories too.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- Teach our children the meaning and some characteristics of serving
- Teach our children simple ways of serving at home

Daily thanksgiving and praise must be a lifestyle as we grow in our prayer life. We encourage you to help kids set some time aside in the week to praise God even when no one is watching. This will also make the lesson time easier for the kids as they become worshipers of God engaging with His presence before the delivery of the word. We have a selection of songs to use in your time together.

We are praying for you and your family!

With love,
3CKids Team

For the teacher/parent - Context of the lesson

- The story takes place in Egypt: in the house of Potiphar, in the prison and in Pharaoh's palace.
- The characters involved are: Joseph, Potiphar, the prison warden, Pharaoh and his officials.
- Joseph was able to serve even when he was being treated unfairly, first as a slave and then as a prisoner. The way he served made him stand out wherever he was and opened the way for him to become the second most powerful man in Egypt.

Opening Activity

Ask: What does the word “serve” mean (let the kids answer)

Say: Well, in the dictionary the word “serve” has a lot of meanings. The word “serve” can mean to offer food, to help, to spend time, to work, to give honour and to be obedient. (Mention some of meanings the kids also gave)

Say: The word serve also means to give help or to be useful. Today we are going to learn about serving from our hero of the month, Joseph! We are going to see how we can be useful and give help to those around us.

Prayer: (Let the children repeat after you)

Father, thank You for this day. Thank You for an opportunity to know You through the Bible and to learn how I can be more like You. Help me to follow Your word concerning how I should serve You and others. I am ready for Your word.
In the name of Jesus, amen.

Say the memory verse together:

1 Peter 4:10

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Declare together: I will use what God has given me to serve others

Lesson



Read the following verses to the kids:

- When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. (Genesis 39:1-2 NLT)
- So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. 21 But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favourite with the prison warden. 22 Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. (Genesis 39:20-22 NLT).
- So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. 40 You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours." (Genesis 41:38-40 NLT).

Discuss:

Say: Serving is the desire to always help others and do our best, even when the situation is very difficult. We can learn some important things about serving from the verses we have read.

- We should always serve: Some people only want to serve when things are going well for them. A true servant, like Joseph, always helps in any given situation. Joseph was in prison, a very sad unhappy place, but he still served there.

A hero is always willing to serve!

- God is with those who serve: The presence of God is the greatest treasure there is - better than any title, talent or possession. The Lord was always with Joseph, helping him overcome difficult circumstances, because he had a servant's heart. We must always know that God is with us and that He is our best friend.

A hero knows that serving draws them closer to God!

- Serving brings a reward: Joseph served faithfully for many years and God honored him by giving him a place of authority in Egypt. Sometimes people do not see the good you are doing, but God does and He will always honour you when you do good and serve others.

A hero knows that God rewards those who serve!

Application

Say: Today I want you to think of times you have not been willing to serve or where you thought it was unfair. We are going to ask God to help us and change us by His blood. God wants to use us as heroes in our family, school, church and community just like Joseph.

Pray with me: “Father, thank You showing me what it means to serve. Please forgive me where I have been unwilling to serve. Please forgive me for being sad and thinking it was unfair for me to serve. Please wash me in your precious blood. With Your help, I will always be willing to serve You and others. Thank You because You are always with me and I am Your hero. I will use what You have given me to serve others. In the name of Jesus, amen.”

Instruction :

Brainstorm : God wants us to serve the people around us, in our family, church, school, and community. Write down or speak about ways you could serve in each of these situations:

Family = When a parent is sick

Family = When a sibling is frustrated

Church = When an elderly person needs a place to sit

Church = When a small child is lost and crying

School = When a classmate is alone at break

School = When the class keep misbehaving

Community = When there is dirt in the street/park

Community = When new people move into your street

(Teacher: there is no wrong answer. Just ensure each child understands to get permission from parents to do something that they would not normally be expected to do)



Lead the kids into a prayer applying the blood of Jesus over their families:

- By the blood of Jesus, my family has been redeemed from the power of the enemy. The devil has no power over my family.
- By the blood of Jesus, all the sins of my family have been forgiven. There are no debts outstanding between my family and the Lord.
- By the blood of Jesus, my family has been justified. All the unrighteousness of my family has been nailed to the cross and we have been clothed with the righteousness of Christ. God sees us as if we had never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, my family has been sanctified and set apart for God. Every member of my family is God's private property.

Conclude by congratulating the children for being heroes in their family, church, school and community!

Repeat memory verse: 1 Peter 4:10 NLT

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Repeat declaration: I will use what God has given me to serve others

Devotion plans:

The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion.

Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day

