



Week 6:

What keeps you from putting others first? - Helping Others

With each section, there will be an 'age rating'. This is in no way meant to be a deterrent for trying it with kids who aren't in that age range. Please feel free to do any of the activities with any age group. This is just the general age in mind while writing that section.

Age Rating Guide:	Young: Lambs-TK	Middle: 1 st and up	Old: 3 rd and up
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****You by no means have to follow the order I put these activities/sections in. There's no right or wrong order to do them-I really have to rhyme or reason behind the order I listed them!**

So & So Show Video: (all ages)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQvR3YKykHI&list=LL87Vo-o1ZGo-tz9Puf1_d2Q&index=2&t=0s

Video Question: What keeps you from putting others first?

Key Verses: Philippians 2:3-8

Story: Acts 3:1-10

(This is also the story told in the Children's Message section if you'd like to watch Reagan and Bobbie tell story together to see a familiar face or two)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQ_67S7M9xl

Here's a video story if you'd rather watch it than read it from a Bible as this is quite a long passage

Story recap: (all ages)

I always find that having kids try to retell the story after hearing is a great way to help them remember it. Try asking them to summarize!

Discussion: (all ages)

- How what was wrong with the man at the beginning of this story?
- What kinds of things do you think this man was asking for when he was asking for help?
- How did people (other than the disciples) help this man?
- How did the disciples help this man?

- What do you think your reaction would have been if you were that man? What about if you were someone in the town who saw this man you've known forever suddenly be healed?
- What are ways you've helped people in the past?
- What are some 'out of the box' ways you can think of that you could do to help people right now?

Digging a bit deeper: (middle/old/could be all ages)

Putting others before you can be tricky. It's really easy to only see what you want or what's best for you. So how do we follow God's call to put others before ourselves?

In this story, we see Peter and John heal someone in Jesus' name. They go out of their way to say to the man "look at us". They make the effort to not only help this man in such an amazing way, but they make sure that the man feels known, too.

There are a lot of people in our world, our country, our town that feel alone right now. Whether they're isolated at home by themselves or aren't able to see their friends or can't go on the vacation they had planned... people are lonely. Can you think of a time you've felt lonely?

God calls us to look out for each other, and a really cool way to do that right now is to reach out to people in different ways. Maybe you call your friends or grandparents, or write a letter to your cousins, or go Christmas caroling with your family just to spread a little bit of joy!

Whatever it is, know that God is going to be helping you and the people you're helping through it. God cares so deeply for us and God gives us the strength and creativity to care deeply for others, too!

Family Action: (all ages)

Sit down with your family and make two lists.

The first one should be a list of ways you can reach out and help people right now. Come up with as many ways as you can.

The second should be a list of people you know that you think might need a little bit of help right now.

- Now take some time to come up with a 'game plan'. Maybe you each pick one person from the list and one way to help from the other each week and do that. Or maybe you pick one person and one way to help as a whole family, and do that together each week as a way to remember our calling, as Christians, to help others and put others before ourselves.

Children's Message:

This week/weekend we are starting a new way of doing children's messages during the recorded church service. We're including it here in case you missed it and/or went to the drive-in!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OY8zIJopfsY&list=PLVHCx9hISGN_F99xx5yh7iWQIOja4BADO&index=2&t=1s

Prayer: (all ages)

It's important to always be praying- individually and together. Take some time to pray with and for each other. For more ideas on how to pray in different ways, click the link below or go to the children's ministry page on our website!

www.3cross.org/children

CHALLENGE! CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

Having trouble figuring out what to do all day? Need something to help you be creative?

Why not make a video!

Choose a song or Bible story as a family and perform it! Maybe it's a song you guys really like and want to create actions for... Maybe it's a Bible story you love and want to act out as a skit. Maybe you want to make some sock puppets and do a puppet show!

Send me your videos and I'll work on sharing them with our Church on Youtube and who knows... maybe it'll even make its way into one of our services! :)