

TAKE-HOME VBS ACTIVITY

Topic: Joy in Serving Jesus

—Mark 6:30-44

Opening Prayer:

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for sacrificing yourself, so that we could live with You forever. Help us to remember that by obeying and serving You, we show our love for You. Let others see You, Jesus, in our actions when we cheerfully help each other and put others before ourselves. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Bible Verse:

But whoever would be great among you, must be your servant.
—Mark 10:43

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[Reread what Jesus said to his disciples about “being first” from Mark 10:35-45, and then the story of Jesus Feeding the 5,000 (above.) Discuss the difference between putting yourself first and putting others first.]

Discussion Questions:

What did Jesus mean that to be “great” in God’s eyes, you would first have to be a servant? How did Jesus show that in His own life here on earth? When Jesus fed the 5,000, who shared food with him?

Do you think that little boy was happy to share his lunch that day? Some remember the word “J-O-Y” by saying that to be joyful you need to put Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last. How did the little boy in the story do that? How can we do that today?

Servant-Craft Activity:

Make-and-Give Activity: Tuna-Roll Ups or Bath Fizzies

As a group, make a batch of one of these items specifically to bring joy to someone that you know. Deliver them together, with the word “JOY” written on the plastic container.

Materials (Roll-ups): Tuna Salad store-bought or your recipe), tortillas, toothpicks, disposable plastic containers, markers

- On a flat tortilla, use a fork (and washed hands) to spread a thin even layer of tuna salad not quite to the edges of the tortilla. Starting on one side, tightly roll completely. Fix with a toothpick. Place more toothpicks every inch through the roll. With a sharp knife, cut between the toothpicks to make individual servings. Store in the container in the fridge until ready to serve. (fish & bread! but, not guaranteed to feed 5,000)

Materials (Bath Fizzies): 4 tsp. baking soda, 2 tsp. unsweetened lemon drink mix (Kool-aid), 1 tsp. flour or corn starch, 4 tsp. baby or mineral oil, food coloring, wax paper, disposable plastic containers, markers

- In a bowl, mix the dry ingredients together. Slowly mix the oil and a drop or two of food coloring into the dry ingredients. With your hands, make small one inch balls and place on waxed paper to dry. (You could try and make a tiny heart on each one with a toothpick.) Wait 24-48 hours to dry completely. Write an instruction note for your gift: Drop one or two Joy Fizzies in a warm bathtub!