

HFkids Small Group Lesson Plan ~ week 2, Oct 13

Today's Message: Think of yourself less and others more.

Bible Story: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand *John 6:1-15*

Challenge of the Week: Pray for someone and/or serve someone each day this week, putting others before yourself.

NOTES:

This is Thanksgiving Weekend. We also want to start as soon as Mass is over and try to be done by 11:00. In order to speed the sign-in, kids from last week will be sent to the same mat and we will ask the Small Group Leaders to write their names and quickly prepare name tags. Once groups are established, we can have that ready ahead of time for you.

SMALL GROUPS. Small Group Leaders **(5 - 7 minutes)**

Ice Breaker Activity.

Kids will be sent directly to your mat, please engage in conversation as they arrive then use the Skittle activity until called for Prayer & Readings.

STAY IN SMALL GROUPS. Catechist will lead prayer & Bible Story

Prayer & Introduction (3 minutes)

Prayer. "Our Father" or your own prayer.

Were so glad to see you on this Thanksgiving Weekend! Last week we talked about ways in which God's rules; the Ten Commandments are meant to help us grow closer to Him. God's rules help us grow closer to Him every day. This week, we're going to talk about growing closer to God **by putting others first.** Have you ever had someone open a door for you? Or maybe let you go first in a game? God wants all of us to ALWAYS think of others FIRST! Not only does it make others feel good, but it shows God's love to the world. God want us to be a good example to others. And when we live that way, we are living FOR God.

Bible Reading: Catechist will lead Bible Reading **(5 minutes)**

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand (attached). You will need to work in a team of two. One person reads the story and the other leads the sounds/actions.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION. Small Group Leaders (until 10:55)

1. How many people does the Bible say came to see Jesus? (over 5,000)
2. How much food did the apostles tell Jesus the boy had?
3. What did Jesus do?
4. Describe a time when someone shared something with you.
5. How did it make you feel?
6. What about a time when you shared something with someone?
7. How did that make you feel?
8. Name 3 things that you can share with others?
9. Now name 3 things that you can share, but it would be hard to do (for example a new game, favorite food...)

Message Video - Small Group Leaders (2 minutes)

Please direct the kids attention to the TV screen and stay in small group for the message video. *Below is the video link if you want to watch ahead of time.*

https://player.vimeo.com/external/183299828.hd.mp4?s=2ae4d4b3fce6121cc2704e6f833eaa67600f0545&profile_id=174&download=1

Closing Prayer (1 minute) - Small Group Leaders (1 minute)

Lead children in closing prayer (below) and remain with the kids until parents arrive. Please make sure the names of all the kids in your group are listed. First name and last initial.

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for our time together today.
We are so blessed to be in our Small Group with our friends.
Please bless our week and help us to put others first,
so that we may grow closer to you.

Bible Reading - Catechist

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand (With sound effects)

Hey, guys! I am so glad you are here today because we will be looking at a kid who did something very simple to serve thousands of people. As I tell this story, I will need your help to make sound effects to go along with our story. To do this, I have asked [KSG leader's name] to come and direct all the sounds. You simply have to follow [KSG leader's name] and do what he does. Let's practice. If I say in the story the people laughed hysterically, then you would all ...

(KSG leader leads the kids in a hysterical laugh.)

Make sense? Good! The Bible story we are telling today actually happened, and it took place long ago. It was around the time during Jesus' ministry when He was the most popular with the people. Everywhere Jesus went huge crowds followed Him because they wanted to see what He was going to do and say next. Up to this point Jesus had already made a paralyzed man walk, turned water into wine, and healed a sick kid who was near death!

In our true story today, Jesus and His disciples had just crossed the Sea of Galilee and went to a mountainside to get some rest and relaxation. That's when they noticed a massive crowd coming toward them.

(KSG Leader leads kid to stomp their feet on the ground to sound like a huge mob of people.)

When I say massive crowd, I'm talking like thousands of people. In fact, the Bible says the crowd numbered 5,000 men! That doesn't count all the women and kids.

(KSG Leader leads kids to stomp their feet on the ground furiously to sound like an even bigger mob of people.)

As the crowd approached, Jesus leaned over and asked Phillip where they should buy bread for all these people. It was clear to Jesus that these people were hungry.

(KSG Leader grabs his tummy and starts growling like a bear.) [KSG Leader's name], what was that sound effect for?

KSG Leader: That's the sound my stomach makes when it's hungry.

Oh! Well, this was a giant crowd of hungry people, and the thought of finding enough bread to feed them all was a little overwhelming for Philip. You see, Philip was always good with numbers and loved math. Let's pretend he had a calculator and let's pretend he dusted it off to estimate the cost of feeding everyone.

(KSG Leader holds an imaginary calculator in his hand and begins to dramatically push buttons while making "BEEP" noises.)

If his calculations were correct, it would cost more than half a year's wages to purchase enough bread for everyone to take one BITE of bread! Feeding the crowd would take a lot of money!

(KSG Leader rubs his fingers together to make a money gesture and says "CHACHING!")

Digging into whatever sort of pockets they had back then, they might have found a rock or some lint, but the disciples definitely didn't have that kind of money! Although Jesus was the one who had asked the question, He already had a plan in mind that wouldn't cost a dime. Don't forget, Jesus is God, so He specializes in performing miracles and He was about to do the impossible. But in the meantime, Philip was panicking.

(KSG Leader puts hands on cheeks and screams as loud as he can. Think bathroom scene in Home Alone.)

Earlier that morning, a young boy had packed his lunch for his day. He grabbed a couple of fish from his father's catch the previous night and five small loaves of barley bread his mom had baked fresh. No doubt the bread filled his sack lunch with an amazing aroma.

(KSG Leader breathes in deep with eyes closed and a big smile.)

Just like everyone else, the boy joined the crowd to see Jesus. Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples, spotted the sack lunch the boy was carrying and asked if he would share. Without hesitation, the boy walked over to Jesus and gave up his food.

(KSG Leader holds out arm as if holding a lunchbox and stomps his feet to represent the boy walking.)

With fish and bread in His hands, Jesus began to roll out His plan.

Standing on the mountainside, Jesus could see there was plenty of grass and space for everyone to sit. After He instructed everyone to take a seat, Jesus gave thanks to God for the blessing of the boy's lunch.

With the help of His disciples, they begin to distribute the small loaves of bread. Everyone was given as much as they wanted.

(KSG Leader puts his hands at his mouth as if eating and says, “NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM.”)

Jesus did the same with the fish. They distributed to whoever wanted to eat it and they were able to enjoy as much as they wanted.

(KSG Leader again puts his hands at his mouth as if eating and says, “NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM.”)

Before long, everyone in the crowd who was hungry had eaten their fill. Then Jesus instructed the disciples to pick up the leftovers. They were totally amazed at this point and they were about to be amazed even more.

(KSG Leader drops his jaw, opens his eyes big, and says, “UHHHHHH.”)

Check this out. The Bible says, “So they gathered what was left over from the five barley loaves. They filled 12 baskets with the pieces left by those who had eaten.” They had LEFTOVERS! Don’t forget—this meal came from a young boy’s sack lunch. With just that bread and fish in hand, Jesus was able to feed over 5000 people. More than that, the people were able to eat all they wanted! And then there were even LEFTOVERS!

(KSG Leader holds his belly, burps really loudly, and looks incredibly content.)

And they were content! Jesus had performed a miracle using what the boy had on hand!

Give it up for [KSG Leader’s name].

So many times, kids think they are too young to make a difference in the world. Maybe you believe this, too. Maybe you've been thinking today that you don't have much to offer others. Do not believe this lie for a second. You have gifts and abilities that God wants to use. He doesn't want you to wait until tomorrow or until you hit high school. God can use whatever you have to offer now. Even if you feel like you don't have much, it is your job to do something with the little you do have.