



New Testament - Lesson 2

Mark

Theme: The Story of Jesus as the Servant

Key Verse: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life - a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

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This Week

Read Mark 6:6b-13 and 30-34

- Why do you think Jesus wanted to get away with his disciples?
- Did their plan to be alone together work?
- How does Jesus' response to seeing the crowd of people demonstrate that he was fulfilling his mission to serve others? (v.34)
- What might serving others look like in your life?

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NT Book: Mark

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Video: Baptism, Temptation & Calling of Disciples

Teaching Points: First is Last (Mark 9:33-37; 10:35-45)

Class Time

Review Activities

- Review flash cards
- "A May-Zing" - Begin by writing the Matthew 6:33 on a piece of paper or a whiteboard. Read the verse together several times. Erase the verse or get a new piece of paper. Begin writing the verse, but purposely incorrectly. As soon as a child detects an error he or she calls out, "Zing!" Erase and begin again. Continue several times before you write it correctly.

Small Group Activity

- Come up with a way for kids to serve as a class or at home that week. You may want to arrange for kids to serve snack to a class of younger kids and then sit and eat with them. (Or just serve a snack to each other...play rock, paper, scissors, with winners getting to serve.) Maybe you could arrange for them to put away chairs or empty trash cans at the end of class (either in your room or around the church). Or have them make coupons for ways to serve at home or school during the week and have them try to use them all, reporting back next week how they did.

Large Group Game

- "Service Relay" - Divide class into two teams, with half of each team lining up on the opposite side of the room. Give each team a tray or box containing a place setting...a disposable plate, cup, silverware and napkin. Give a brief demonstration on how to set the table. The first person in each line races to the other side of the room, carrying the box, and quickly sets up the table service. When done, the participant touches the hand of the next person, who then puts all the table service back into the box, races back across the room, and sets it up again. The relay race continues until every person on one team has served.

Take Home Page

- Send a take home page with each child and encourage them to spend time with God during the week.