

Upside Down: Jesus changes everything

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25 MINUTES

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

BIBLE STORY

The Way

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane
Matthew 26:36-56
(Supporting: Luke 22:39-46)

MEMORY VERSE

Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.
Philippians 2:3, NIV

LIFE APP

Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

BOTTOM LINE

Put others first.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.



IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

1. WAKE UP, DISCIPLES

WHAT YOU NEED: Nothing

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite everyone to sit in a circle on the floor.
- Ask kids to place their hands in their laps
- Explain that you will read a statement about today's Bible story then you will pause.
 - When that happens they should either make a "T" with their arms for true statements and an "X" with their arms if it is false.
 - Read from the following list of review statements or add others of your choosing.
 - For months the Jewish religious leaders had been plotting to kill Jesus. *(True)*
 - Judas was paid 20 pieces of silver to betray Jesus. *(False; 30 pieces)*
 - Jesus' disciples stayed up all night praying in the garden. *(False; they fell asleep)*
 - Peter promised Jesus he would never turn away from Him. *(True)*
 - Jesus prayed all night in the Garden of Eden. *(False; Garden of Gethsemane)*
 - In the garden, Jesus prayed for God's will to be done. *(True)*
 - Judas told the mob sent by the Jewish religious leaders that he would shake Jesus' hand and then they'd know who to arrest. *(False; he would kiss Jesus)*
 - When Peter cut a servant's ear with his sword, Jesus healed it. *(True)*
 - After Jesus was arrested, His disciples ran away even though they had promised to never leave Him. *(True)*
 - When the Jewish leaders came to arrest Jesus, He hid in a grove of trees and prayed they wouldn't find Him. *(False)*

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- The disciples bravely stood up for Jesus in front of the angry mob who'd come to arrest Jesus. *(False)*
- Jesus prayed for God's will to be done even if it meant He must die. *(True)*
- At the end of the review, ask kids to share examples from the story of ways people put others first and ways they didn't.
- Invite them to share examples from their own lives of opportunities they've recently had to put others first and/or when others have put them first.
- **[Make It Personal] (Share about a time when someone put you first in a big or small way.)**

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Seeing Jesus being taken away must have been scary for the disciples. Not only that, but it was also confusing. They were sure Jesus had come to be their King—all He needed was the crown and a throne! But God's plan was not what they expected. We might say it was upside down from what everyone thought would happen. The disciples didn't do a great job of putting Jesus first when the pressure was on. Fear got the better of them. Instead of thinking about what Jesus needed, they turned and ran away. Kind of sad, isn't it? It's not always easy to **put others first**. Jesus was the only one to do that perfectly. This month, we'll discover ways Jesus showed humility and learn how we can follow His example."

LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

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2. HUMILITY ACTION PLAN

WHAT YOU NEED: "Humility Action Plan" Activity Page; pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each of the kids a copy of the "Humility Action Plan" Activity Page and a pen or pencil.
- Ask them to think about the week ahead.
 - What will they be doing?
 - Where will they be going?
 - Who will they see on a regular basis?
 - Who will they see only once or twice?
- Instruct kids to fill in upcoming activities on the weekly calendar located on the left side of the Activity Page.
- When finished, ask the group to share some of their upcoming activities with one another and then brainstorm ways they might put others first this week during those activities.
- Kids then fill in the blanks on the right side of their papers with their own ideas or some the group came up with during the discussion.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"If you want to **put others first** this week, you're going to need a plan. Why? I'm glad you asked! You need a plan because it's way too easy to put YOURSELF first instead of OTHERS! But God is so excited about helping you follow your 'Humility Action Plan' that He will give you His power to carry it out! Check your plan each day this week, and then ask God to help you follow the things on your list. He will do it, and so can you!"

HUMILITY ACTION

DATE
COMPLETED

I can be a friend to _____
by _____.

I could give _____
to _____.

I could let _____ go
ahead of me at _____.

I could take _____
to _____.

I could spend time helping
_____ to _____.

I could wait to _____ so
that _____ can _____.

I could help _____
with _____.

What to Do:
Print one for each kid.