

Kid's Slot ~ Jan 15th – Jan 21st, 2012

people Helping People



“Do Something Nice”

OVERVIEW: The children will learn saying and doing kind things for someone else – a friend, a neighbor, a relative....someone!

BIBLE VERSE/REFERENCE: Hebrews 10:24

PREPARATION: Construction paper or index cards, markers and your Bible

ICEBREAKER: Ask: What is your favorite excuse for not cleaning your room?

READ: “Do Something for Someone!” story on the other side

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. **What did Horton find floating through the air?** (A tiny speck of dust – with a whole town of very tiny people living on it.)
2. **What did Horton’s friends say when he tried to help his neighbors on the speck of dust?** (His friends, the other animals, thought the people in the town were simply too small to worry about. But Horton said, “A person’s a person, no matter how small!”)
3. **In the Bible story, why do you think the Priest and the Levite crossed over to the other side of the road and ignored the man needing help but the man from another country didn’t?** (They didn’t want to bother with someone they didn’t know – they were selfish; the man from the other country had kindness in his heart and a desire to help someone in need – and DID SOMETHING!)
4. **Who are some people YOU can help, either by doing something kind for them or saying something kind to them?** (Your teacher; kids at school; friends; a neighbor; your family; your coach or team mate...)

Bible Memory Verse: “Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.”
Hebrews 10:24 NCV

LIFE APPLICATION:

What can you do when.....

- A friend drops his back pack & things fly out everywhere?
- Someone at Wal-mart is trying to un-stick her basket?
- A man is leaving McDonalds with both hands full?
- Your mom has a trunk-load of groceries?
- Your little sister/brother has made a mess in the den?
- Your best friend’s dog has run away?
- Your teammate misses a shot or a catch?
- A kid in your class lost his coat?

1. **Share about a time when someone helped YOU when you were in need...how did it feel? How do you think it made the other person feel?**
2. **Let’s pray and ask the Lord to help us keep our eyes and ears open to help those around us who are in need...maybe they need a kind word said to them or your help to do something. Always be ready to show the love of Jesus by being kind to someone else!**

ACTIVITY: “Let Me Help!”

In advance, on small pieces of construction paper about the size of an index card, write each word of the Bible Memory Verse...use index cards if you have them. After quoting the verse with the children several times, give the set of cards to two children and ask them to put the Bible Verse in order – as they HELP their friend. Record their time. Now, mix them up and give them to another two children, and see who can put the sentence together the fastest. The two who can put the Bible Verse in order and quote the verse the fastest is the winner!!! Let the older children help the younger ones 😊

RETURN: Return to the Life Group and recite the Bible Memory Verse. Explain that the children were taught a lesson about doing and saying kind things to others...let the children share about what they learned. The children remain with the Life Group for the prayer and a time of fellowship.

“Do Something for Someone!”

Do you like reading Dr. Seuss books...maybe when you were younger...or even now? Of all the wonderful characters Dr. Seuss has created, one of my favorite stories is about Horton the Elephant. Horton is such a kind and compassionate character. We could all learn a lot from Horton.

The book we're talking about today is called "Horton Hears a Who!" At the beginning of the story, Horton was splashing around in a cool jungle pool when he heard a small voice crying for help. He looked all around, but he did not see anyone. All he saw was a tiny speck of dust floating through the air. Horton realized that there was someone on that speck of dust who was calling for help. As it turned out, there was a whole town of people on that little speck of dust. They were calling out for help because they were afraid that the speck of dust would fall into the pool of water and they would drown. Even though they were so small that he couldn't even see them, Horton made up his mind that he was going to help them. "After all," he said, "A person's a person, no matter how small."

All of the other animals in the jungle thought Horton was crazy. First, a kangaroo, then some monkeys, and finally an eagle all made fun of Horton for wanting to help the tiny people on the speck of dust. Why, they even tried to put Horton in a cage!

Even though none of the other animals would help him, Horton refused to give up. He remained faithful to the task of saving the tiny people who needed his help. Because of his faithfulness, the tiny people were saved and finally, the other animals realized that just as Horton had said, "A person's a person, no matter how small."

The story of Horton reminds me a little bit of our Bible story today. One day, a lawyer asked Jesus what he had to do to have eternal life. When Jesus asked him what the Bible said, the lawyer answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus answered, "You are right. Do this - and you will live!" Then the lawyer, questioning Jesus further, asked another question. "Who is my neighbor?" he asked.

To answer this question, Jesus told a story about a man who was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by

robbers. They beat him, took his money, stripped him of his clothes, and left him beside the road to die.

A priest, who supposed to love God and others, came by and when he saw the man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and continued on his way, pretending not to notice the poor man in trouble.

A little while later, a religious man, a Levite who also worked in the church came along. He also saw the man lying there and passed by on the other side of the road, completely turning his head the other way.

Finally, a man from Samaria, from another country, came along and when he saw the man, he stopped to help him. He put medicine on his wounds and wrapped them with bandages. That isn't all. He took the man to a hotel and took care of him. The next day, he gave the hotel manager some money and told him to take care of the man. "Give him anything he needs. If it costs more than I have given you, I will pay you the next time I am here."

Then Jesus asked, "Which of these three men was kind to the poor man who needed help after being attacked by the robbers?"

The lawyer answered, "The one who helped him."

"You are right," said Jesus, "now you go and do the same."

Jesus wants us to help someone who needs our help – to DO SOMETHING! I bet you know LOTS of people you could help by saying something kind or doing something kind for them: your teacher; your mom or dad; your brothers and sisters; someone at your school; or someone at Wal-mart. Just ask God what you can do or say...it may be easy, like opening the door for someone or it may be harder, like helping clean up your little brother or sister's messy room – even when you didn't make the mess! Just ask God...he can show you lots of people and lots of ways to help others...remember, even a kind word or act to someone will bless them more than you know!

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