

# Serve It Up

## Opening Activity Lesson 2 - I Will Serve Others!

### PURPOSE:

This opening activity will introduce the children to the concept of service as a starting point.

### DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will play a game of volleyball.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet, a net or tape on the ground, and a volleyball or beach ball.

*Note: You can play regular volleyball, with a net, or beach ball volleyball, with just tape on the ground. Choose the game that is most enjoyed by your children and works best in your space.*

### TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Today we are going to play a game of volleyball.
2. There are many different ways to play volleyball, but no matter what kind of volleyball you play, the game starts the same way.
3. What has to happen before you can start playing each point of volleyball? (*Someone has to serve the ball.*)
4. Good. We will talk about why that is important later, but I want you to remember, each time you serve the ball, to call out, "service" to remind us that you are about to serve.
5. Let's play.

**For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, watch the Training Video.**

### DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Don't forget that each time you serve, the person serving needs to call out "service."
2. Every time we play a point it starts with someone serving the ball.

### AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Would you be able to score a point in this game if no one served? (*No.*)
2. It would be safe to say that without service, this game would be pointless.
3. We are going to learn about a different type of service today: serving other people.
4. Serving other people means doing things for them to help them.
5. In volleyball, you start off the point by serving the ball to the other team.
6. In following Jesus, our point, or purpose, is to serve others.
7. If we aren't serving others, we aren't following Jesus.

### CLOSING STATEMENT:

Let's go into Large Group and learn more about following Jesus' example of serving others.