

Way To Serve Relay

Small Group Application Activity Lesson 2 - I Will Serve Others!

PURPOSE:

This activity will allow the children to practice serving someone.

DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will run a relay to help one of their team members with food and water, shelter, clothing, and teaching them about the Bible.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet. For each team you will need a small cup, a larger cup filled with water, a blindfold, a hula hoop, 4-5 over-sized items of clothing, 4-5 buckets, a plate with a snack, 4 chairs or boxes, a sheet or large piece of cardboard, a Bible, and the "Way To Serve Bible Reference Card Lesson 2" from the Lesson Materials Folder.

Note: The snack could be a handful of small cookies, small crackers, or cereal. (Be sure to have appropriate snacks for any children with common food allergies.) Also, the different elements of the relay race represent ways that your church does outreach to needy people. Prepare to explain a few specifics about the local and overseas ministries that your church partners with.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. There are lots of ways that our church serves others.
2. Today, we are going to learn about ways our church serves people and ways that we can help.
3. We will run a relay where we race to help one member of our team in different ways.
4. Let's get lined up and pick one person for each team to help.

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

Note: Set up the room with the hula hoops across the room from the starting points. Scatter the buckets, the plate with the snack, the Bible, and Way To Serve Bible Verse Reference Cards around the room.

DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Each team will help one team member. The team members will start out, blindfolded, in the middle of the relay course.
2. I will spin them both around so that they don't know which direction they are facing.
3. Then one person at a time will serve your team member by doing something for him or her.
4. First, you will lead your team member to stand in the hula hoop at the end of the course.
5. Then, you will get one item of clothing, take it to your team member, and help him or her put it on.
6. Your team member will have to be dressed in one item of clothing from each bucket before you go to the next step.
7. Next, you will feed your team member. You will grab the snack provided and carry it to your team member who has to eat all of it before you can continue.
8. Next, you will give your team member something to drink. You will pour a small cup-full of water from the larger container and carry the cup to your team member to drink.
9. One at a time you will keep bringing your team member cup after cup until the container is empty.

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10. Next, you will use the materials provided to build a shelter around your team member.
11. The shelter has to completely cover your team member from above.
12. Last, you will share Jesus with your team member. You will do that by running this Bible down to your team member and helping him or her look up today's Bible Verse.
13. You will have to tell your team members which way to turn the pages, because they will be blindfolded. Once you see the correct verse, your team members can take off their blindfolds and read the verse out loud.
14. After reading the verse out loud, your team member and you, must race back to the starting line.
15. First team to get their team member back to the starting line is the winner.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. In this relay we did many things that relate to ways that you can help our church to help others.
2. There are many people around us who need our help. Our blindfolded team members represented these people.
3. Our church provides clothes for people who need them. Dressing your team members represented our church helping these people.
4. Our church also feeds people who are hungry and thirsty. When you fed a snack and gave water to your team member, it represented providing food and water for those who need it.
5. Our church also helps build churches and orphanages overseas and helps provide a place to live for people near us who need one. When you built a shelter over your team member, it represented sheltering people who need it.
6. Most importantly, our church serves people by telling them about Jesus. When you helped your team member find and read the Bible Verse, you represented telling your friends about Jesus and inviting them to church.
7. When you give money to the church, donate needed items to the church, and invite your friends to church, you are helping our church to serve people in all of these ways.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

Some different ways that our church serves people are providing food and water, providing clothes, providing shelter, and teaching people about Jesus. When you give to the church you are helping the church to serve people.