**PreK Lesson Plan (4 and 5 year olds)**

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**Bottom Line** Do Humility!

**Humility -** **Putting others first by cheering them on.**

**Bible Story** Jesus Washes Feet | John 13:1-17

**Leader Note**

This paragraph was about to begin with this sentence: “Humility is in short supply these days” but a closer look at today’s story reminds us that humility has always been in short supply. It is so easy to think only of ourselves and what we want or think we deserve. Can you imagine the scene in John gospel? All the disciples have gathered to eat. Their feet are dirty from a long day of walking, and over on the table is the bowl of water and towel just sitting there. No one wants to clean feet that was the servant’s job, but the servant is nowhere to be found. Jesus then stands up, grabs the bowl and towel, and he washes the disciples’ feet. My guess is he does it without complaining or mumbling. Too often we focus only on ourselves that we completely neglect those around us. What a concept to think of others and cheer them on. As we wrap up VBC thank you for showing humility, you’ve given up your week to help campers feel loved and cared for, you’ve cheered them on. They will never forget you and how your represented Jesus to them for an entire week! The entire Resurrection Kid’s team is grateful for you, and we pray that you have an amazing day 4 of camp!

**Friendship Circle**

**Supplies** – heart, humility poster

**What to say:** Hello everyone and welcome back for our final day of Vacation Bible Camp. This week at camp we have been on the Jesus tour where we are learning to “Do Unto Others” and show love to everyone we meet. So far we have learned to Do Kindness, Do Respect and Do compassion. I cannot wait to see what we learn today! But while we are waiting for the bus to pick us up let’s play our friendship game.

**What to do:**  *Hand the heart to a friend and have everyone say, hello \_\_Name of child\_\_. Have them hand the heart to another child and repeat until everyone has had a turn. Then ask a THIS or THAT question and have them answer the question when they have the heart. Here are some questions to get you started.*

Chocolate OR Vanilla

Beach OR Mountains

Walk OR Run

Slide OR Swings

Bicycle OR Scooter

Read a book OR watch a show

**What to say:** Yay! Our bus is here! If you are wearing green, you can board the bus. If you have blue eyes, you can line up. If you have a brother, you can line up. If you have on tennis shoes, you can line up. *(continue calling out things until everyone has boarded the bus*).

**What to do:** *Have chairs set up in rows somewhere in the classroom to represent the bus.\* Tell the children that it is time to board the bus. Once all the children are on the bus introduce the word of the day – Humility. You can also tell them the plan for the day and remind them of your classroom expectations (Kind hands, walking feet, listening ears..) End by singing the song “Wheels on the Bus.”*

*\*If you prefer, instead of the chairs you can have the children line up behind the bus driver and have them follow the bus driver around the room.*

**What to say:** Welcome aboard the Do Unto Others (DUO) Bus. We are getting ready to head out on the Jesus Tour where we will learn from Jesus how to love others. Today we are on an adventure to learn more about the word **Humility** *(hold up Humility poster).* **Humility** means “putting others first by cheering them on.” Show me how you feel when someone cheers you on.  *(smile)* That’s right it makes us feel happy! I cannot wait to learn more. Another thing that makes me happy is singing songs. Let’s sing a fun song while we are on the bus.

**What to sing:** The wheels on the bus go round and round *(move your hands around in a circle)* Round and round. Round and round. The wheels on the bus go round and round. All through the town.

* The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish *(move arms back and forth)*
* The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep *(press imaginary horn)*
* The kids on the bus say, “Jesus loves you!” *(say Jesus loves you! As you wave)*

**Praise & Worship Time**

**What to do***: Line the kids up at the door and move to worship space. Be sure to talk about the expectations as you walk through the hallways and participate in worship.*

**What to say:**Here’s our first stop on our bus tour today. It’s time to go to praise and worship time. When I tap you on the shoulder you can go ahead and line up at the door.

**Exploring the Bible Story**

**Supplies** –The Beginner’s Bible

**What to do***: Have the children get back on the “bus”. Pretend to start driving and talk about your next stop – the city.*

**What to say:**Everyone take a seat, it’s time to continue our Jesus tour. Our next stop will be in the city where Jesus is meeting his friends at a home to eat. What do you think the city looks like? *(discuss)* Today on our Jesus tour we will hear about a time when Jesus showed **Humility** to his friends and did something unexpected. Everyone be on the lookout for the city.

**What to do***: Perform the “Do Unto Others” (DUO) Chant with the kids. And then stop the bus and have the children get off the bus and join you on the floor to read the Bible story of the day!*

**What to say:**It’s Time for our “Do Unto Others” (DUO) Chant. Are you ready?

Leader says: I say Do, You say **Humility**

Leader says: Do

Kid’s say: **Humility**

Leader says: Do

Kid’s say: **Humility**

*Repeat with the words* Compassion, Respect andKindness

*Everyone say together getting louder each time*

Love everyone, love everyone, love everyone! (*Make a heart with your hands)*

Everyone look out the window. I think we are in the city and our next stop. I cannot wait to see what we will learn from Jesus today. Put those hands ups in the air. When I give you a high five you can get off the bus. Please remember to Respect your friends by using your walking feet and kind hands and join me in the city.

**What to read:** Washing Feet – pages 437-439 in The Beginner’s Bible

**What to say:**Jesus wanted to show his friends how much he cared for them so he used **Humility** and washed their smelly, dirty feet. Would you want to wash someone else’s dirty feet? *(discuss)* **Humility** is when we put others first and Jesus definitely did that by washing their feet.

Jesus wants us to remember to put others first and use **Humility** too.

If you can show **humility** let’s stand up with our pets.

If you can show **humility**—balance your pet on your head.

If you can show **humility** —toss your pet in the air and catch them.

If you can show **humility** —put your pet on your shoulder.

If you can show **humility** – say “I love Jesus!”

Great job showing **humility**. Now let’s thank Jesus for teaching us all about how to love others.

***What to pray:*** *Ask if anyone wants to pray and if not lead them in this echo prayer,*

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for teaching me,

To love everyone.

And DO HUMILITY.

Help me be a good listener,

And put others first.

I love you! Amen.

**Small Group Explorations (Bus stops)**

**#1 – Do Unto Others Banner**

**Supplies —** “Do Unto Others” Activity pages\*, “Do Unto Others” labels, crayons/markers

**What to do:** *Have the children gather at the tables and give them an activity page and label. Set the crayons and markers out on the tables. Have the children decorate their banner and label with crayons and markers.*

**What to say:** This week on the Jesus tour we have been learning to “Do Unto Others” and love everyone. Let’s make a poster to hang somewhere in our homes to remind us to Do Kindness, Do Respect, Do Compassion and Do **Humility**. And the little sticker is for us to decorate and put in our pet’s home.

**What to talk about:***Where are you going to put your poster? What did you learn this week?*

**#2 – Humble Helpers**

**What to say:** We show **humility** when we do jobs that others don’t want to do. What are some helper jobs you do around your home that you don’t like doing? *(discuss)* It’s time for us to work together to get our room all cleaned up and ready to end our week at Vacation Bible Camp.

**What to do:** *Have the children find a seat on the bus or gather on the floor. Give each child a helper job to do in the classroom. Turn on some music and work together to clean up your room. Here are some suggestions for helper jobs: wipe off the tables, stack the chairs, straighten the blocks, sweep the floor, dust the toy shelves, put away supplies, etc.*

**#3 - Pet Tricks**

**Supplies —** pets

**What to say:** Another way we show **humility** is when we are willing to learn new things. Let’s see if our pets can teach us some pet tricks. And don’t forget to cheer each other on.

***What to do:*** *One at a time invite the children to stand up and introduce their pet pal to the class and perform a trick with their pet (jump over something, dance on it’s hind legs, shake someone’s hand, do a somersault in the air, etc.). Then have everyone try to do the trick with their pet. Be sure to encourage the children to cheer each other on.*

**What to say:** It has been such an amazing week on the Jesus Tour. Thanks for showing love and kindness to each other and to your pets. I think we should have a kindness pet parade to celebrate. Everyone line up behind me.

***What to do:*** *Have the children line up with their pet behind you and march throughout the room. As you march around the room say the Do Unto Others Chant. Then turn on some music and let the children have a dance party. To change it up you can play freeze dance and when the music stops they have to shout, “Do Unto Others!” and then freeze until the music starts again.*

**Take Home Challenge**

**Supplies —** challenge cards and daily sticker

**What to do:** *Have the children gather on the floor and bring the challenge cards and stickers with you. Talk about the day and then challenge the kids to complete the challenge at home.*

**What to ask:** What was your favorite part about Vacation Bible Camp this week? What did you learn today? What are you going to tell others about camp?

**What to say:** It has been such a fun day on the Jesus tour today! Yesterday our challenge was to do something to cheer someone up? Who did you cheer up? *(discuss)* What did you do? *(discuss)* Today we went to the city and learned that Jesus wants us to put others first and DO HUMILITY Now it’s time to continue the fun at home. Today’s challenge is to say something kind to everyone in your home.

What are some kind things you could say? *(discuss)*

Raise your hand if you accept the HUMILITY challenge. Great job! I know you will make a lot of people smile with your kind words.

**What to do:** *Send the challenge card and the daily sticker home with each child.*

**Closing Activity**

**Catching Kindness Game**

**Supplies —** Catching Kindness board game, game pieces (in game box), crayons/markers

**What to say:** What a fun day at Bible Camp learning about how to Do KINDNESS. Let’s play a fun game and practice spreading kindness.

***What to do:***

* + Divide kids up into groups of 3-6 players with one leader.
  + Give each group a Catching Kindness board game.
  + Give each kid a game piece and let them decorate them with markers. Be sure to write their name or initials on the bottom of their game piece.
  + Have each player place their game piece at the start.
  + Take turns letting each child roll the dice and move ahead that many spaces.
  + If they land on a heart space, draw a card, and read what it says.
  + Continue taking turns until everyone playing gets to the heart of kindness.
  + Once everyone reaches the end open the box of kindness and read the card inside.
  + Return game pieces and cards to the game box.