**Upper Elementary Day 4**

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**Today’s Story:** Jesus Washes The Disciples Feet (John 13:1-17)

**Bottom Line:** Do Humility

**Life App:** Humility- Putting others first by cheering them on.

**Camp Verse:** “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Matthew 7:12 NIV

**Leader’s 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’s 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 so much 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!

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As campers arrive, they will check in at the front table and a volunteer will take them through the dinner line and to their class table(s). Make sure all of your campers sit at your table(s). If you have 2 tables, have one leader at each table. Make sure to introduce yourselves, discuss the theme for the day and to help the campers get to know each other. You will also have a card game that is similar to apples to apples that you can play.

Make sure to have your class binder at the table with you so you can check kids off as they come in. Make sure to give each camper a nametag either at the dinner table or when you get into the classroom.

If your whole group finishes before 6:00, you can take them to your small group space to start your activities.

\*\*\*Make sure to encourage manners, have them clean up their plates, drinks and any mess they made at the table.

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**Welcome Your Kids:**

Be A Leader with TUMS

* **T-Touch (High fives and fist bumps)**
* **U-Use their name in a positive way**
* **M-Make Eye Contact**
* **S-Smile**

**Getting Started:**

As your kids arrive take attendance and ask this question of the day:

*Would you rather have feet for hands or hands for feet?*

**Remind your group the 3 rules of the Jesus Tour this week:**

**Treat others the way you want to be treated. (The Golden Rule)**

**Take Part in Camp**

**Have Fun**

Say: It is our last day of camp! Let’s finish strong! That begins with reviewing and following our 3 camp rules.

**Opening Game: Did you notice?**

**What You Need:** Individual wrapped pieces Hi-Chew Candy

**What You Do:**

* Partner up and ask campers to sit back-to-back. Attempt to have campers partner up with someone they may not know as well in their group.
* Explain that you will ask the group a question about the camper who is directly behind them. If they answer correctly, they will earn a point. Leaders will walk around to hear answers from each partner to determine correct answers.
* Campers take turns answering the following questions about their partner’s feet.
  1. Is your partner wearing socks?
  2. Is your partner wearing sneakers?
  3. What color are your partner’s shoes?
  4. Does your partner’s shoes have laces?
  5. Is your partner wearing sandals?
  6. Does your partner have their toenails painted?
  7. Does your partner need their toenails clipped?
  8. Is your partner wearing crocs? Do they have giblets on them?
* Keep track of each kid’s score then transfer the points into candy using the follow scale:

1-4 correct (1 piece of candy)

5-6 correct (2 pieces of candy)

7-8 correct (3 pieces of candy)

**What You Say:**

I don’t usually pay much attention to someone’s feet, but *in* today’s story, feet are a very big deal. Jesus has an important lesson to teach His disciples. That story is going to help us think more about humility which is our final theme for the Jesus tour!

**Bible Story Intro Game: Cheer Them On**

**What you need:** 2 pom poms, Cheer Cards

**What you do:**

* Sit in a circle. If your group has more than 10 campers, consider making 2 groups.
* Place the cheer cards face down in the middle of the circle.
* Hand one of the campers a pom pom.
* The camper with the pom pom selects a cheer card then reads it to the group.
* Camper with the pom pom then comes up with one cheer phrase that would encourage the person in that situation. (They will also wave the pom-pom when they say it)
* As soon as they finish, they pass the pom pom to the left and that camper comes up with another encouraging statement that could be said for the same scenario.
* Play continues until a camper can no longer come up with a different encouraging statement.
* One leader needs a cell phone to keep time; campers only have 12 seconds to come up with a phrase before their turn is over.
* Play 6 rounds and see how far your group can make it around the circle.

**At the end of the game say:** Today we are thinking about humility. Humility is putting others first by cheering them on. Great job thinking of ways to put others first in these scenarios. Let’s look at one more way Jesus showed humility as we make our final stop on the Jesus tour.

*Cheer Card Scenarios:*

Taylor struck out on your softball/baseball team.

Lily is sick and is going to miss the field trip at school.

Jimmy broke his arm and now can’t go swimming all summer long.

Hayden made a yummy pie but then dropped it on the floor.

CJ is nervous about his part in the play.

Gus’ dog ran away.

Kaitlyn was supposed to play basketball outside with her friends, but it rained all day.

Pete’ s cat ate her homework.

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*Take your group to the sanctuary.*

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Check your schedule to see which rotation you have today.

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**Explore The Bible Story:**

**What You Need:** Masking Tape, Bible Story Timeline Handouts, Bible story print-out

**What you do:**

* Show kids where on the map today’s story took place.
* Review The Bible story by reading the Bible story print-out
* Divide into 2 teams.
* Invite everyone to have at least one bare foot ready to go.
* Hand each group 1 set of the Bible story timeline handouts.
* When the leader says go, the campers will race to put them order.
* All story timeline handouts need to be taped to feet and campers then get in the order they think the story happened.
* When they think they have the story in order a leader will come over and confirm they are correct, if not they continue working.
* Once both teams have the correct order, review the story 1 more time using the Bible timeline sheets.

Ask the following questions. (If campers want to answer they have to raise their foot to be called on.)

#1-How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus washed their feet?

#2-Why do you think Jesus washed the disciples’ feet?

#3-What is one way you could show humility either by putting others first or cheering them on?

#4-How does cheering someone show humility?

If time allows repeat the game (without the questions) only give campers the following challenges when trying to put the timeline picture in order:

#1-No one can talk.

#2-Only one person can move at a time.

#3-Paper can only be touched by feet.

*Bible Story Timeline Scenes*

* Dirty Feet
* Jesus and the disciples at the table
* Disciples making a face like “What stinks!”
* Bowl of water and towel
* Disciple looking around. Who is going to wash my feet?
* Jesus gets up
* Jesus starts washing feet
* Disciples embarrassed
* Jesus saying “Be Humble”

**Bible Story Wrap-Up**

What you need: Index Cards and Pens

What you do:

* Hand out 1 index card and 1 pen to each camper
* Have them divide the card into 4 sections with the pen.
* Have them number each section “1,2,3,4”
* In box 1 have them write the name of someone they could cheer on
* In box 2 have them write where they see this person
* In box 3 have them write one way they are going to show more humility.
* In box 4 have them write “Do Humility”

**Closing Activities: DUO Card Game**

**What you need:** Do Unto Others Playing Cards

**What you do:**

* Note: Each day you will be adding in new cards that connect with the daily theme of camp.
* Play a game similar to *“Apples and to Apples.”* Directions are below.
* Divide into groups of 6 or less.
* Each player needs 5 or 6 red playing cards.
* Pick a judge for the first round.
* The judge picks one green card for the middle/category card and lays it in the middle of the group.
* The judge closes his/her eyes.
* Everyone else in the group lays down one red card face down that they think matches the category the best.
* Once all the players have laid down 1 card the judge can open their eyes.
* The judge reads all the submissions and selects his/her favorite.
* The card that the judge picks get a point for that round.
* Play 3-4 more rounds with different judges as time allows.
* As you play work in some intentional conversations about our theme for the week.

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**Prayer and Take-Home Challenge**

**Supplies Needed:** Daily Challenge Cards

**What you do:**

* Hand out daily challenge cards.
* Encourage kids to do the challenge of the day at home tonight.
* Close in prayer. You can pray, have a camper pray, or read the prayer below.

Dear Jesus,

Thanks for an amazing week of camp! Thank you for Jesus’ example of the golden rule and how he treated others the way we would want to be treated. Be with these campers, give them a great rest of the summer and may they always follow the golden rule. In Jesus Name! Amen.

*If you have extra time review the verse of the week:*

*“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Matthew 7:12*