**Kindergarten – Day #3**

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**Bible Story:** The Golden Rule – Do Compassion!

Jesus Feeds the 5000 | Matthew 14:13-21

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

**Bottom Line:** Do Compassion! Compassion is caring about others and helping people in need.

**Leader’s Note:**

Matthew 14:14 is a powerful verse! It tells us that Jesus saw the crowds and had compassion. The following verses then shows us compassion in action. Matthew tells us that Jesus healed the sick and then fed over 5,000 people. Compassion is not a feeling; compassion is a feeling combined with action. Jesus provides an incredible example of compassion, and it is this example that we want to teach our campers today. What does it look like for us to move from a place of feeling to a place of action. Nearly the entire population can feel bad about a situation, but the real challenge is taking that feeling and doing something to make the situation better. That is what Jesus is calling us to do. Take action, make a difference, people will know we are followers of Jesus by the love we show, not the feelings we have. God bless your day with your campers as we all strive to be people of compassion!

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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 TIME**

*Gather the kids around in a circle.*

**Sing it! How do you DUO, Day 3?**

**SUPPLIES:** Microphone, Compassion Tour Bus Poster

**SAY:** It’s Day 3 of the Jesus Tour!! We’ve been talking each day of camp about the Golden Rule, does anyone want to share what the golden rule is? (choose someone to answer and hand them the microphone) That’s right! It’s about treating others the way you want to be treated. Our Bible verse helps us remember to DUO (or do unto others). Let’s say it together. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Matthew 7:12. Way to go! When we memorize God’s words it helps keep it close to our hearts, so when we need a reminder or encouragement, we can remember His words. After two days at camp, we know how to do kindness and do respect. Today, we are going to “do compassion.” *(Hold up the Compassion Tour Bus Poster)* Compassion is caring about others and helping those in need. That means we’re going to switch our chant up again and add in compassion. Let me hear you!

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

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:*  **Kindness**

*Leader says:* **Do**

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

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:*  **Respect**

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

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:*  **Compassion**

*Leader says:* **Do**

*Kids say:* **Compassion**

*Everyone says this together getting louder each time* **Love everyone, love everyone, love everyone!** (*Make a heart with your hands)*

**SAY:** You are the best! Let’s do a check-in and see how everyone is doing today.

**DO:**

* Pass the microphone around the circle so that kids can share something good that’s happened to them at camp.
* If they don’t want to share, they can just pass the microphone on to the next person.

**Opening Activity (Bible Story Intro)**

**Map It!**

**SUPPLIES:** Map, Wilderness Icon Sticker

**SAY:** Our tour destination for Day 3 is the wilderness! What are some things you can do in the wilderness?  *(hiking, fishing, camping)* In our true Bible story today, Jesus found a way to show compassion in the wilderness! Normally when you’re in the wilderness, you don’t run into many people, but you might run into a bear, so maybe you’re wondering who Jesus was able to show compassion to. Jesus needed some time alone, so he went out in a boat for some quiet time. People in the towns nearby heard that Jesus was there and wanted to see him, so they all headed out to the wilderness. When Jesus came back to the shore thousands of people had gathered to see Him and to hear Him speak. Some of the people were sick and soon everyone was hungry. Let’s map our destination so we can head to worship and hear what happens in the Bible story video!

**DO:** Place the sticker on the map.

**SAY:** You know what time it is! It’s time to do our Tour Bus chant before we head out.

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**Bible Story Time**

**Jesus Feeds the 5000 (Bible Story Review)**

**SUPPLIES:** Jesus Feeds the 5000Story Roll and Retell Activity Page, Dice

**SAY:** When the people in the towns heard that Jesus was in the wilderness, they set off on foot to go and see him. Soon there were more than 5000 people gathered to see Jesus. When Jesus saw the large crowd of people that had come to see him, he had compassion for them, and Jesus healed all the people that were sick. It became late in the day and the crowd became hungry. The Disciples told Jesus to send the people back to the towns to go find food, but Jesus again had compassion for them and said not to send them away. He told the Disciples to bring him all the food they had. The Disciples told Jesus all they had was 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Jesus prayed and thanked God for the food. After Jesus broke the bread there was enough food for everyone! Every single person in the crowd had food to eat until they were full. All 5000 of them! The Disciples even picked up 12 baskets of leftovers! Jesus showed compassion that day to everyone who came to see him.

**DO:**

* Divide your kids into groups of 6-12 kids.
* Give each group a die and a Roll and Retell activity page.
* Let each kid have a turn rolling the dice.
* Use the number they roll to ask the corresponding question.
* Read the question and allow the group to answer.
* Once the question is answered, mark it off the list.
* Giving each kid 1 roll of the dice, keep moving around the circle until you roll one of the remaining numbers.
* Keep playing until all questions are answered.

**SAY:** Jesus showed us how important it was to show compassion to all the people who came to see him. It’s important for us to show compassion for others. When we show compassion, we are letting other know we care about them just like Jesus cares about us.

**Do Compassion!**

**SUPPLIES:** Strips of Paper, Tape, Pencil or Marker

**DO:**

* Have kids think of ways they can be compassionate towards others and write them on the strips of paper. Here are some ideas to get started:
  + Donate good used toys and books to kids who need them.
  + Help a neighbor in need.
  + Donate part of their allowance, birthday money to a food pantry.
  + Bring in money for our mission project.
  + Make a get-well card for someone.
  + Pick up trash at the park.
* Using the strips of paper have the kids help you make a compassion chain.
  + Take one strip of paper and curl it so the two ends meet. Tape the ends together.
  + Feed the next piece of paper through the first link. Tape the ends together.
  + Continue until all the strips of paper on the chain.
* Hold the chain up for the kids to see.

**SAY:** These are great ways to show compassion to others. We show compassion by caring about others and helping them.

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**Prayer and Take-Home Challenge**

**Supplies:** Wilderness Icon sticker, Take-home Challenge card and Microphone

**SAY:** Yesterday you were given the challenge to ask someone in your family what their favorite game was and play it with them! How did you “duo” showing respect? Raise your hand if you would like to share and I’ll hand microphone so you can share who you asked and what game you played. *(Pass the microphone to kids that want to share)* It sounds like you not only showed respect, but you had fun playing the games! Today’s challenge is to show compassion. Tonight, think about someone you know that might need to be cheered up and do something kind for them. What are some kind things you could do? (Allow kids to respond) Those are great ideas! Are you up for the challenge? Be sure to show your grown-up the take-home challenge card and be ready to share with us tomorrow what you did to share someone up! You’re also going to get a city icon sticker, just like the one we put on our map this morning. You can put it with your Do Kindness and Do Respect stickers and now you’ll remember to do kindness, respect and compassion! Let’s pray together.

**DO:** Give each kid an icon sticker and a take-home challenge card.

**PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank you for your love and the stories in the Bible that help show us how to live our lives. Please help us to show compassion to others. We want to show others we care by helping them. Show us opportunities every day for us to show compassion to others. Thank you for all the fun we’ve had at camp with our friends and for our leaders who are helping us understand the Bible and grow closer to you. Amen.

**EXTRA ACTIVITY - Catching Kindness (Life Application)**

**SUPPLIES:** Catching Kindness Game, Game pieces (in game box), Markers

**SAY:** Who is ready for another game of “Catching Kindness”? Being kind is a way to show people compassion because it shows we care about them and will do things to help them. Let’s see how fast we can get everyone to the heart of kindness today!

**DO:**

* + Divide kids up into groups of 3-6 players with one leader.
  + Give each group a Catching Kindness board game.
  + 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 box. You will also be playing Catching Kindness on Days 2-4.