

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTR

1/17-1/18

Pray for Wisdom:

Lord, You came to humbly serve others—and You call me to do the same. Keep me from being consumed by “good things while neglecting areas of great importance to You. Give me passion for Your work, not mine. Father, make “selfless servant hood” a central value to my child (ren). Help the child(ren) establish patterns of service to others while they are still young. I pray in Jesus’ name, amen.

Lesson Memory Verse:

Matthew 25:40 *“The King will say, “When you served other people, you served Me.”*

Bible Story

Sheep and Goats (based on Matthew 25:40)

“What will happen when this world comes to an end?” Jesus’ followers asked.

“God has a plan for everything,” Jesus encouraged them. “Soon I will leave you for awhile- but don’t worry. I will come back for you. On that day, I will sit on a great throne. Angels will bring everyone to gather around Me. One group of people will be like sheep. They are very special to the shepherd. The other group is like goats who don’t belong to the shepherd. They are not part of his flock.”

Jesus will have good news for the sheep, the people who follow Him:

“You fed Me when I was hungry, You brought Me water when I was thirsty. You gave Me warm clothes when I was cold. You made Me feel better when I was sick. You visited Me when I was in jail.”

Those people were very surprised! “When did we do those things for You?” they will ask.

“Every time you fed someone who was hungry, you fed Me, too. Every time you brought water to someone who was thirsty, you served Me, too. Every time you gave warm clothes to someone who was cold, you warmed Me, too. Every time you made a sick person feel better, you healed Me, too. Every time you visited someone in jail, you encouraged Me, too.”

But Jesus will have bad news for the goats, the people who didn’t follow Him. He will tell them:

“When I was hungry, you didn’t bring me food. When I was thirsty, you didn’t serve Me water. When I was cold,

you didn't offer Me warm clothes. When I was sick, you didn't bother to help Me. When I was in jail, you didn't come to visit Me."

Those people were very surprised, too! "When did we fail to do those things for You?" they will ask.

"Every time you didn't care for others," Jesus will say " You turned away from Me."

Those goats will be very sad. Jesus will turn away from them. They will not be with Him again. But the sheep , God's children, will be in Heaven with Jesus one day.

Jesus will tell his precious sheep. "Thank you! Every time you fed the hungry, comforted the needy, cared for the sick, and visited prisoners- you helped ME"

The sheep are the people who believed in Jesus and the goats were the people who did not believe in Jesus.

Prayer:

Pray that each child will be determined to always be Jesus' friend. Also, pray that they will understand what it truly means to believe in Jesus.

Activities:

Heaven Pictures:

Have the child(ren) draw what Heaven might look like. Refer to Revelation 21-22 for ideas to share (no more crying, only happiness, angels, streets of gold, bright like the sun, crystal river, big house with lots of rooms, and walls made of jewels).

Servant Collage:

(Supplies: newsprint or butcher paper, tape, markers, magazine pictures, scissors, glue sticks)

Before the lesson cut pictures from magazines that show people who are serving others, such as doctors, nurses, dentists, teachers, waiter or waitresses, mothers, fathers, pastors, children taking out trash, or children setting table. Tape a piece of paper to the table and write " People who serve others are serving Jesus". Have the child (ren) glue the pictures on the paper. Talk about how the people in the pictures are serving others. Remind them when you serve and help others; you are serving and helping Jesus.

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