

Children's Ministry

THIRD
FOURTH

June 12th || Philippians 2:1-11

Main Point: **Jesus was a servant to show He is great!**

(Try to repeat the main point several times.)

Read Philippians 2:1-11 and ask:

1. What should be our attitude toward Christ?
2. How did Christ display His humility?
3. How did God respond to Him?
4. How does this effect how we treat others?

Read Matthew 20:20-28 and ask:

1. What did James/John's mom want?
2. What does Jesus ask James & John?
3. How does the world lead others?
4. How does Jesus lead His sheep?

John and James mom wanted them to be great.

She understood that her sons would not be greater than Jesus ("at your right and left"), but her request also shows that she wanted her sons to be greater than the other disciples. Jesus lets their mom know that the way to become great is not by making others less, but by serving others.

Race to the can

Not that kind of race to the can. Think of this similar to basketball. Set up a trash can on one end of the room. Tell the kids that the goal is to get all 5 balls in the can, but only one ball can be put in the can at a time. Have a few kids take turns and time them. Then take your turn (play it up that you know you can beat them). Show them how much faster it goes if rather than one person running back and forth (which is probably what they will assume they must do), one passes the balls to someone else who puts them in the trash can. Play this out in sports. How well will a team do if you think you have to be the one to do everything? Why do we do better if we pass the ball, let others shoot or throw and play as a team?

In the same way, Jesus is letting us know that our calling is to serve other people. We may feel like we are greater when we hold other people back, but really we serve as part of something far greater when we are a part of making other people greater than they would be on their own.

See "Driving it home..."

1. How has Jesus served us in a way we could never repay?
2. How can you serve other people?

Driving it

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"...and give His life a ransom for many"—Matthew 20:28b

There is no greater demonstration of service in the world than when Jesus gave up His life for us. We were not able to pay the debt for our sins, and He offered Himself to pay that ransom for us. He chose to serve us at a time when it was impossible for us to serve Him. Our greatest motivation for serving comes when we realize what a sacrifice He made on our behalf!

