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HOMELINK



Memory Verse:

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

- Matthew 20:28

One Big Thing:

True joy comes from serving Jesus.

Review:

In light of our upcoming Serve the City Weekend, Kidtown talked about what it means to serve. Serving is defined as giving your time and energy to help others or caring for the needs of others. We looked at the story of Jesus and the sons of Zebedee and saw how Jesus wants His followers to live much differently than the world lives (Matthew 20:20-28). People that don't know Jesus often think that joy and greatness are found only when people serve them. A great worldly king might make his servants prepare all of his meals, do all of his chores, and even brush his teeth. King Jesus tells His followers that having others serve you is not the way He designed us to live. He explained that true joy and greatness come from serving others with the time, energy, and resources that God has given us. Jesus tells us that although He is the King of the Universe, He did not come to earth to be served but to serve and to sacrifice Himself for us. Because of what Jesus has done for us, we get to serve others and He promises that true joy is found when we follow Him.

Good Questions to Ask:

1. **Q:** What does “serving” mean?

A: Serving means giving your time and energy to help others or caring for the needs of others.

2. **Q:** How did Jesus show us what it looks like to serve?

A: Jesus lived His life seeing others’ needs and helping them. He used His time and energy to care for the needs of others leaving us an example of how we should live. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to rescue us.

3. **Q:** How can we use our time and energy to serve others?

A: A helpful way to understand how we can serve is by noticing the needs of others around us. We can look to see if someone is sad, lonely, sick, hungry, or if they need things like school supplies or a warm coat. Then we use what God has already given us to help them. One way to serve is with our families and with our church during our Serve the City Weekend.

Family Prayer:

Lord, please help us understand what it means to serve others. Show us ways we can serve as a family. Thank you for teaching us where true joy and greatness are found.



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