

## LESSON OVERVIEW

**Big Idea:** Jesus chose us to live with purpose

**Key Question:** What is our main purpose?

**Memory Verse:** I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. **John 13:17**

**Overview:** We're continuing in our series called Drive. We're learning what it means to pursue God with all our hearts and the benefits that come from a relationship with Him. Just like the title implies, we should always be moving forward in our relationship with God. It's the only way to get to know what He's like and what He wants us to be like. Last week, we focused on the idea that Jesus wants us to have a good life full of joy and freedom. We learned that being joyful doesn't mean everything is always great in our lives. We learned that true joy comes from knowing that Jesus loves us, protects us, and is waiting for us in heaven. We also learned that we can have freedom through the protection of the Bible because it tells us how to live and how to avoid danger. Today, we're talking about purpose. Did you know that God created you with a special purpose? We all have a job to do for God as a member of His team. He needs us to be great helpers! Did you know that Jesus helped and served people all the time? He never walked around demanding people do things for Him. He served others and helped others. That's who we should be, too. We should always be looking to help our parents, friends, teachers, and siblings. Here's the point. When you serve others, they see Jesus in you. The ultimate goal is that others will put their faith in Jesus because you set a good example for them that pointed them to Jesus. Be a good helper so you can live a life of purpose.

## CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** Make a list of ways your parents help you. How do your teachers help you? How are you helpful at home?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Matthew 20:25-28](#). The world says the leaders get to boss people around. What did Jesus say about that? What did Jesus do instead?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
  - Who will you help this week and how will you do it?
  - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

## TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

Allow each kid to share. The point: Get kids thinking about how important it is to be helpful. God wants them to be great helpers.

**Answer:** Our purpose is to get all of our friends and family on God's team by serving them and pointing them toward Jesus.

People in our lives will either be drawn toward Jesus or go further away from Him depending on how we act. If we say we love Jesus but lie all the time or are really selfish, people won't be interested in getting to know Jesus. But, if we are kind and helpful, then people will be more curious to know more about Jesus. Remember this- actions always speak louder than words. Don't just say you love Jesus, show it by how you live. Be an example for others that represents who Jesus is-kind, caring, selfless, and be a helper!

**Bonus Questions:** Who are some of your friends you would like to get on God's team? How can you help them to do that?

**4-5th:** Why do our actions speak louder than our words? What do you think of people that say one thing and do another?

Jesus was angry that His disciples were vying for the top spot in Jesus' group. That was never the point. Jesus said that the first have to be last. Meaning, the leader should be the biggest servant, not the biggest taker. That's exactly what Jesus modeled for us. He came to give His life for the undeserving. He didn't come to be served but to serve.

Allow each kid to share. Make sure they're specific.

# ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1st

## Option #1

### Acts of Service Doorknob Hanger

- Give each kid 5 acts of service templates (**pg 5**), pre cut.
- Give each kid a set of the words template (**pg 6**).
- Have kids cut out their words and glue to the other template.
- Give each kid 1 piece of ribbon.
- As kids cut and paste, go around and tie one end of the ribbon to the rubber band and tell them that they can hang it on their bedroom doorknob to remind them of how to serve.
- Then, have kids tape the templates to the ribbon, leaving some space between each one. **Make sure they start at the top by the rubber band and work down.** This will allow it to hang better on their doorknob .

### Supplies needed

- colored paper
- rubber bands, one per kid
- acts of service template (pg 5), precut, 5 per kid
- words template (pg 6), one set per kid
- 1 inch thick colored ribbon cut into 16 inch sections, 1 section per kid
- scissors
- tape

### Bonus Activity

Play the **Fast Facts** Game. Read the questions below and see who can raise their hand to answer the quickest.

1. Who created us with purpose?
2. T or F. Jesus never helped people.
3. We should be the best \_\_\_\_\_ we can be.

## Option #2

### Have Purpose Password Game

- Divide the class into two teams.
- Have each team choose their first contestant to come to the front of the room to face off with a contestant from the other team.
- Have the contestants close their eyes while you write a word from below on the whiteboard. After the class sees the word, erase it before the contestants open their eyes.
- Have one team start. The contestant will ask one member of their team to give a clue-a sentence describing the secret word.
- Every correct guess gets a point for that team.
- Each round is one clue, one guess. You will use a new word per round.
- After each round, have the contestant choose a new kid to come forward to be the contestant.

### Words:

1. Bible
2. helper
3. Jesus
4. friends
5. parents
6. heaven

### Supplies needed

- no supplies needed

### Bonus Activity:

Play the **Telephone Game**

Have the kids sit in a circle. Whisper the **Big Idea** into the ear of one kid. Have them whisper in the ear of the kid to their right. Continue around the circle. Have the last person announce what they heard.

## 1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We should be \_\_\_\_\_ too.
3. Jesus chose for us to live with \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. Make a list of ways your parents help you. How do your teachers help you?
2. Read [John 13:12-17](#). How did Jesus serve His disciples in this passage? Do you think that was a fun thing to do?
3. List some ways you can be helpful at home. Why is it important for you to be helpful?
4. What do you think it means to live with purpose? Why is it important to have purpose?
5. What happens if you don't have purpose?
6. Read [Matthew 20:25-28](#). The world says the leaders get to boss people around. What did Jesus say about that? What did Jesus do instead?

## 3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

**"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."**

**John 13:17**

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week

- Read [Colossians 3:23-24](#). What is the difference between working for God versus working for people?
- Read [1 Peter 4:10](#). God created you for a purpose. What are some things you are good at that you can use to help others?
- Read [Romans 8:28](#). God has a plan for your life. Do you think that means nothing will ever go wrong? What is the verse saying?

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

Kids

## BIG IDEA

Jesus chose us to live with purpose

## KEY QUESTION

What is our main purpose?

## MEMORY VERSE

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**John 13:17**



I CAN BE HELPFUL TO MY FRIENDS



# ACTS OF SERVICE WORDS TEMPLATE

PAGE 6

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trash can

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