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K-1st Small Group

Bible Story: I'm Yours (Jesus at the Home of Martha and Mary) • Luke 10:38-42

Bottom Line: Love others with your time.

Key Question: What keeps you from connecting with others?

Memory Verse: Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. 1 John 4:10, NIV

Life App: Love - Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Preservice Activities:

When kids are first arriving have a few toys out for kids to play with before you start the activity below. Use the time for casual conversation, connection, and to have fun. Before you go to large group spend a few minutes reviewing the bible story and getting them ready for large group.

Spending Time

Show kids the clock on the floor. Give them a chance to walk around it, stopping at different times. Ask kids to stand on or near the seven.

- Tell them that at 7:00 in the morning, they're probably getting up and getting ready for school.
- Ask kids to tell you some things they do to spend time with people at that time of day. Maybe they're eating breakfast with their siblings or watching the baby while a parent puts in a load of laundry.
- Then guide kids to stand at the 12.
- Tell kids that around 12:00—or noon—every day, they eat lunch.
- Ask them to tell you some things they do to spend time with people at that time of day. Maybe they eat lunch with some friends at school, or perhaps their homeschool family meets another family for lunch.

Continue this activity with other times throughout the day, such as 4:00 (after school), 6:00 (dinner time), and 8:00 (bed time). If kids know what time they do certain things, let them take turns sharing and walking to that spot on the clock.

As you close out this activity, you might say, those are some great ways you spend time with people each day. Did you notice what I just said there: 'SPEND time'? We spend time, kind of like we spend money. We only have so much of it, and we have to decide the most important ways to spend it. So let's go to Large Group, where we'll hear more about how we should spend our time.

Go to large group time at 5 mins after the service begins. (5:35, 9:05, 11:05) The manager will give you direction.

Small Group Time

When kids come back into small group time, **set out the rubber dots** so every child and yourself has a place to sit in a circle.

Discussion:

- What keeps you from connecting with others?
- Ask kids several questions to review today's Bible story:
- What were the sisters' names in our story? (Mary and Martha)
- Who came to visit them? (Jesus)
- What did Mary do while Jesus was there? (Sat at His feet and listened to Him)
- Why was Martha upset with Mary? (Because she wasn't helping to do the work)
- What did Jesus tell Martha? (That it was more important to spend time with Him)

There are lots of ways we can spend our time—some good and some bad. And sometimes even GOOD things can be a bad way to spend our time. Let's talk about GOOD and BAD ways to spend our time. (Write GOOD and BAD on the white board and then ask the kids for ideas of good and bad ways to spend their time.) To make the connection about ideas you might say, it's not necessarily a bad thing to spend your time playing a video game, but if it means you're ignoring

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someone else or not doing what your mom asked you to do, it's a bad way to spend your time. Also it's good to play outside but not if you play so long you miss dinner time with your family or a visit with your grandparents. Spending time with others is almost always a GREAT way to spend your time. That's one way we show love. You can love others with your time.

One last question:

What are some things you can do this week to spend time with others? (Write those responses on the white board and include them in your closing prayers.

Close by saying, those are some great ideas! I can tell you're all going to do a fantastic job of living out our Bottom Line: Love others with your time. And do you know what? You can also love Jesus by spending time with Him! Yes, you can! What are some ways you can spend time with Jesus? (Reading the Bible, praying, singing worship songs, doing GodTime cards) That's right. We can show Jesus we love Him when we spend time reading about Him, praying to Him, and singing to Him. And remember, showing others we love them by spending time with them isn't just something we need to do this week, but always!

Bible Memory Verse Activity:

Review the Bible memory verse and motions you learned in large group time.

Review the following motions with the children to help them memorize this month's memory verse.

Here is what love is. (use your pointer finger to point down for "here"; then crisscross your arms across your chest for "love")

It is not that we loved God. (use your pointer finger back and forth indicating "It is not"; then use thumb, index and middle finger to point to yourself "we"; then crisscross your arms across your chest for "loved"; then point upward for "God")

It is that he loved us (point upward to indicate "he"; then crisscross your arms across your chest to indicate "loved"; then use thumb to point at chest indicate "us")

and sent his Son (hold left hand parallel to the floor with palm down and brush the top of your hand with the fingers of the other hand for "sent"; then point to upward for "his"; then salute with your right hand and then cradle a baby with your arms for "Son")

to give his life (hold your thumb to your fingers and move your hand away from your body for "give"; point upward for "his"; index finger and thumb on each hand facing each other like two guns pointing at each other for "life")

to pay for our sins. (use your right index finger to point to the palm of your left hand for "pay"; then use thumb to point at chest indicate "our"; use index finger on both hands to make downward spirals for "sin".

1 John 4:10 (cup hands like a book and then hold up the numbers)

Pray and Dismiss:

Prepare for your prayer by reminding the kids how they said they plan to spend time with people and God this week.

Then close in prayer by saying, Dear God, thank You for loving me. Help me to find time to show love to the people around me this week and help me to find time to spend with Jesus. Teach me to love others with my time, just like Mary did in our story today, and just like Jesus! In Jesus' name, amen.

As parents arrive to pick up, guide kids to tell parents how they plan to spend time with others around them and spend time with Jesus.

Parent Pick Up:

- When parents are picking up kids be sure to:
- Say the kid's name. Introduce yourself to the parent picking up child.
- Check the numbers on tags to make sure they match.
- Give each parent a God Time card to do with their child this week.
- Ask child if they remember the bottom line/memory verse:
- Have a great week, see you next time.

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Clean up:

- Please put any supplies back in your bins.
- Please put any toys you chose back in the resource room. You know where you got them from so it's easiest for you to return them, and the next small group leader might want to choose a different set of toys to play with.
- Check in with the manager before you leave to let them know all your kids have been picked up, any issues that need to be addressed, or anything amazing that needs to be celebrated.

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