



House Party Parent Guide April 12

Life App Definition

Humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

Main Idea

Jesus put God's plan first when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Even though it was super hard, Jesus faced it anyway. He put us first because He trusted God's plan.

Memory Verse

“Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3 NIRV).

Bottom Line

Put others first.

Small Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story. How did Jesus put His enemies first?

- How did Jesus put you first?
- What does it look like to follow Jesus?
- What does Easter mean to you? If you've heard the Easter story lots of times already, what's something in particular that stuck out to you today? Is there anything you heard that you hadn't really thought about before?

Object Lesson

- Give each child a sheet of paper and tell them that they're going to use the paper to make crosses.
- Set out the tape and markers where everyone can reach them, and give the kids a few minutes to make a cross in whatever way they choose.
- As kids finish making their crosses, ask them to use a marker to write "Jesus put me first" somewhere on the cross.
- When everyone is finished, instruct the kids to hold their crosses as you lead them in conversation about how Jesus put us first.
 - Ask: Why did Jesus put us first? (We celebrate Easter each year; we know that Jesus died and rose again. We believe that and are thankful for Jesus, but do we know WHY He did it?)
 - Let kids respond; listen to a couple of responses before continuing.
 - Explain: It's because our sin—all the wrong things we do and think—separates us from God. God is perfect, and sin and perfection are opposites—they cannot go together. That is why Jesus stepped in. He values us so much that He was willing to put us first by taking our sins on Himself and dying on the cross as a sacrifice. Because He did this, we can have a relationship with God!

Prayer

Ask kids to take a quiet moment to think about Jesus' sacrifice and where they are in relationship with Him.

- If your child has taken a step of faith to accept God's gift of salvation, then pray a prayer of thanks with them.
- If they haven't taken a step of faith to accept God's gift of salvation, then take this opportunity to walk through this step of faith.
- Close with the prayer listed below.

Dear God,

We can't even begin to thank You for how You put us first. Thank You for the gift of Your Son, who came to pay the price for the sins of all humanity. Thank You that You loved us so much that You made a way for us to have a relationship with You forever. Please guide us as we continue to learn more about You and how Jesus put us first. Thank You for today and the freedom we have to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of our Savior. Amen.