***March 8: What makes people great?***

Preparation: See the attachment with the Cast of the Castle handout. Prepare by cutting out the parts and putting them in a bowl. You will also want to print out some of the Thank You Pop-Up cards and get pens and scissors out so that they can be made.

***The faith development lesson target today is: I can see that God wants us to serve others.***

***Open in prayer:***

***Introduction Game:***

1. Say: Today we’re going to start out in a castle. It may look like a regular room in our home to you but right now it’s our castle. As you know, a castle is full of people great and small so I have a part for everyone to play to begin please draw the part you’ll play out of this bowl.

Have the kids pick their role. They can even play multiple roles. Make one person gets a royalty card.

After everyone in the family gets a part ask: Who has the best part and why?

Now, the kids with “cook” or “mouse” can change parts with anyone that they choose. They can just stand up and switch cards either with someone else or the pile. If someone is sad about their part being taken then those people can switch parts with anyone and so on…

Keep going until you decide it is better to stop.

1. Say: We are going to play again, but this time keep your part secret- don’t tell anyone. When I invite you to switch parts with someone, you can either choose to switch or not switch. You can choose to take me up on my offer or pass and keep the part that you have. You don’t know what you might get; you only know what part you have. Don’t say anything about your part out loud. At the end you’ll have a chance to tell what part you started with and what part you ended up with.

In this round, offer a chance to change parts to the child on you left. Proceed around the circle to the left. Make sure everyone in the family is included.

When you have been around the circle once, ask kids whether they want to stop or go around the circle again. Responses may be half-and-half. If you go, go to the right this time.

1. Say: Now we’re all curious about the parts everyone started with and finished with. I’ll begin. I started as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ended as a \_\_\_\_\_\_. Now let’s hear about the rest of the family!

Say: Everyone who ended up a servant, please stand up. I’ll like to shake yur hands, because you are the real winners in this game. That is right! Because in our Bible passage, Jesus says that \*God wants us to serve others. He say that if you woant to be great, you need to be a servant. How about that! It ‘s kind of crazy that even though Jesus taught that and acted as a servant to people, it’s hard to understand.

Who do you think at Church is a servant? (people who set up and clean up) (Sunday School teachers)

Say: Jesus says that these servants are the greatest of all. Isn’t that amazing?

This whole discussion started because of what two disciples asked Jesus to give them. Let’s find out what they asked for- and about the big argument that followed.

***Bible Story:***

Read Mark 10:35-45

Afterwards ask these questions:

What do you think this means?

When you think of leaders and great people in our world, describe what kinds of people you usually think of.

How does what Jesus said change what you think about what makes someone great?

***Craft: Thank-you Pop Up***

I have a fun craft for you that’ll help keep you thinking about what Jesus said. Let’s get started on that, and see if we can keep thinking about the idea that \*God wants us to serve others.

While working on these thank-you cards, think about a servant like person in your life who’d be surprised and happy to receive a card like this from you. This person’s someone who lives out how \*God wants us to serve others.

It is a pop up card. Fold on dotted lines. While card is folded trim the edge of the solid line. Pop up the section on the dotted lines.

***Commitment***

Who, Me? A servant?

Talk about ways that you can serve as a family and as individuals

Say: Thanks for sharing ideas on how to live out Jesus’ idea that \*God wants us to serve others.

***Close in prayer.***

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