

Jesus and the "Me-First" Mindset

BIBLE PASSAGE: Mark 9:30-37

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why did Jesus not want people to know where He was? (He needed to teach the disciples alone.)
- What were the disciples arguing about on the road? (about who was the greatest disciple)
- What did Jesus tell the disciples about being first? (“If you want to be first, you must be the very last. You must be the servant of everyone.”)
- What does it mean to be a servant? (To think of others before ourselves.)
- Name some ways Jesus served others that we've learned about in the Bible.
- What are some ways we can serve others and put them first?
- What did today's story teach you about Jesus and who He is?

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

*Recall the Bible Story

Things you need: "Jesus told His disciples to be a servant" coloring page and crayons

Have your child color and decorate the word "servant". Then, help them fill in the missing letters at the bottom of the page. Use this time to make sure they understand today's lesson.

*I Can be a Servant

Things you need: Construction Paper and markers or crayons

On the top of the paper, have your child write "I can be a servant". Then work together to create a list of ways they can help others. Try to come up with at least seven ideas so that they can have one for each day of the week. Some ideas may include: specific chores that they can do around the house, gathering the neighbor's mail for them, or even helping grandparents clean out their pool, etc.) Remind your child what Mark 9:35 says, "If you want to be first, you must be the very last. You must be the servant of everyone."

*Wait-Your-Turn

Things you need: a device with YouTube

On YouTube, search "3-2-1 Penguins -Trouble on Planet Wait-Your-Turn". This episode is about 20 minutes but it does a good job of showing preschool and younger elementary kids what happens when everyone thinks they have to be first. Kids will learn to let others go first sometimes. We all like to be first in line or first place. But what about everyone else? We can't all be first all the time! What if we let someone else go first? Jesus likes it when we think about others first.

*Who is the Greatest?

Things you need: Word Search printout and a pencil

Have your child search for the words listed in the box. As they find the words, they can circle them. Take time talking through each word and it's significance in today's Bible lesson.

*Pray

Things you need: Nothing

Thank God for the wonderful example we have in Jesus. Pray that we will follow His example of being a servant.

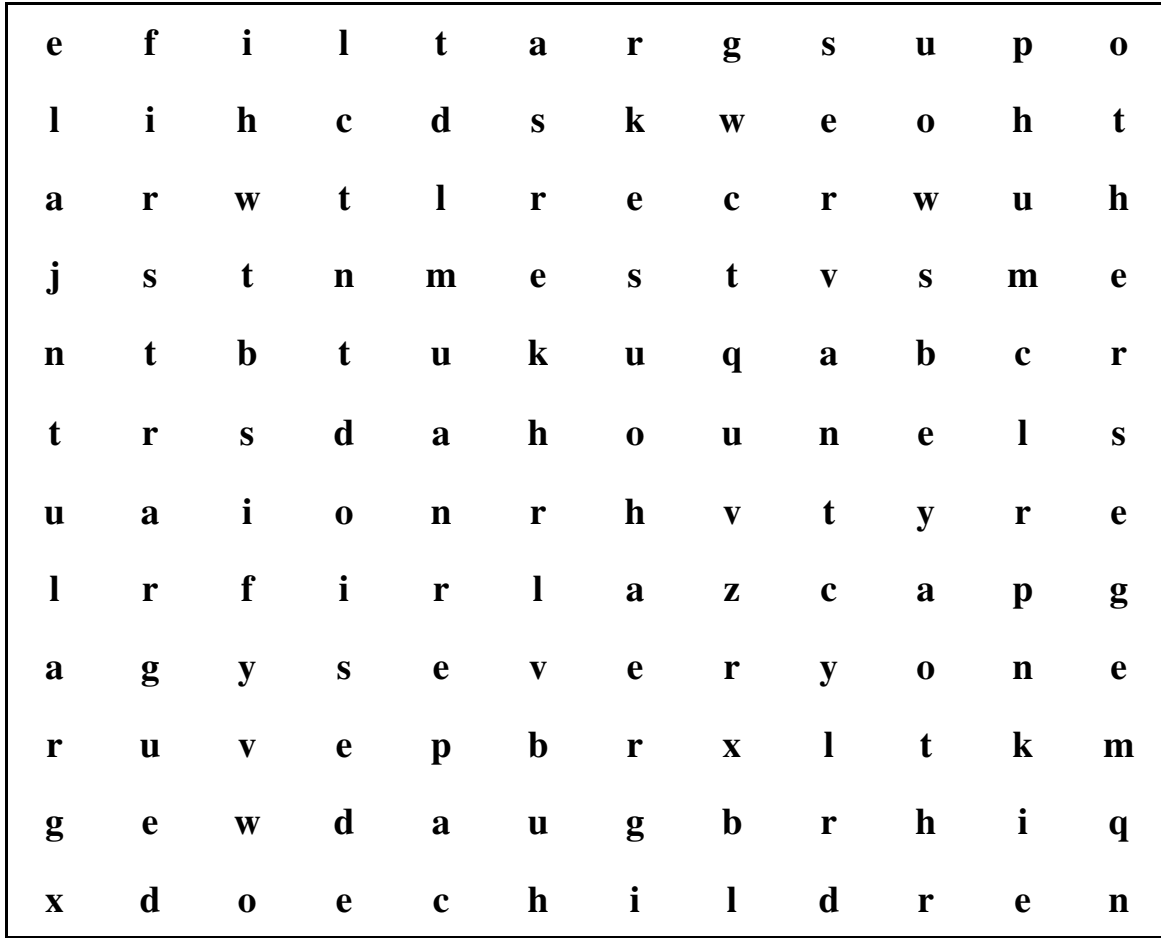
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Word Search

Who is the Greatest?



Capernaum	house	argued
greatest	who	first
last	servant	everyone
others	children	



The
Greatest

“If anyone would
be first, he must be
last of all and
servant of all.”

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