

Summit (K-1st Activity) - July 5, 2020

Everybody In [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: Flat bedsheet

What You Do:

- Spread the sheet out on the floor.
- Tell kids to find a place to stand on the sheet then, when everyone has found a spot, tell them to shout out, "Everybody in!"
- Ask the kids to step off the sheet then fold over one of the corners to make the area a little smaller.
- Once again, invite the kids to find a spot on the sheet to stand then shout out, "Everybody in!"
- Continue folding the sheet into smaller areas for kids to stand until it can no longer fit everyone in.
- Wrap up with the conversation suggestion below, then repeat the activity as time and interest allow.

What You Say:

"God wants everyone to join Him in heaven someday. That's why He sent Jesus. Even though **[Bottom Line] Jesus is a gift for everyone**, not everyone will believe in Him. But God still loves all people everywhere and offers them the gift of His Son, Jesus—the best gift ever!" **[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a gift you once received that meant a lot to you. Compare it with the gift of grace and how much better grace is than any other gift we could receive because it comes from the One who created us.)**

Thrill (2nd-3rd Grade) Activity - July 5, 2020

1. The Gift Goes On [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: “The Gift Goes On” Activity Page, prizes in the gift package or bag

What You Do:

- Gather the group in a circle.
- Place the gift in front of one player.
- Encourage kids to listen carefully as you read the story.
- Each time they hear “LEFT, RIGHT, ACROSS, or BACK,” they should pass the gift in that direction. (Let the group decide what direction “back” should be.)
- Read the story out loud, pausing and prompting the kids as necessary so that the gift is passed around appropriately.
- When the story is finished, the person holding the gift gets to open it.
- Reveal that the gift is actually something for everyone and pass out one item to each kid.

What You Say:

“Our Bible story reminded us that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is a gift for everyone.** God gave us Jesus so that we could have a forever relationship with Him.

“And the amazing thing is, once you have a gift, it’s YOURS. Since I gave you this prize, today, whose prize is it, tomorrow? (*Invite answers.*) That’s right. It’s still yours. Even if you don’t clean your room, or if you aren’t nice to your sister or brother, it’s still yours. Even if you clean the whole house AND give your sister your favorite action figure, it’s still yours. It didn’t grow overnight into something else based on your behavior or actions.

“The gift of Jesus is like that. No matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] Jesus is a gift for everyone.** There is nothing you can do that would make God stop loving you. No mistake or meltdown, no bad choice or mean words. As you enjoy the present you got today in the box we passed around, remember that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is a gift for everyone.**”

(Engage whatever your church’s policy/tradition/system is for guiding kids to trust Jesus as their Savior. Make sure that you allow room for believing parents to participate in the moment when their kid starts a relationship with Jesus. Answer questions as best you can, and follow up with parents/guardians and church staff, if needed.)

Aja and Mary lived **right** next door to each other, on the **left**-hand side of Main Street, **across** from the stop light. They both had bedrooms on the **right** side of the house, where the sun came up, and **left** their houses through the **back** door to go **across** the street to wait for the bus every morning.

Aja appreciated Mary's calm attitude—no matter what anyone said to her, she never answered **back** meanly. She just went **forward** into life with a good heart.

Mary liked that Aja was kind. She always moved **two spaces to the left** at church so that Mary and her little sister could sit near Aja's family. When Aja went **across** the country to visit her relatives on the **left** coast, Mary was sad and missed her very much. She was delighted when Aja came **right** to her house when she got back.

One day, Mary and Aja found a gift by the bus stop. It looked as if it had been **left** behind by someone who needed to catch a bus **right** away. It was addressed to "The girl who lives on the **left**-hand side of Main Street, **across** from the street light, in the **right**-hand bedroom." That seemed very specific, but it could have belonged to either of those girls!

Aja wanted to open it **right** away, and was **right** about to pull off the ribbon, when Mary cautioned her to think of the person who had **left** it. How could they know which girl it was meant for? They brought it **right** home and **left** it at the bottom of the stairs in Mary's garage so that her parents would come **across** it when they arrived home. They called Aja and her family over **right** away and the girls sat down on the lawn chair someone had **left** out. The parents said they didn't have to send the present **back**, but that they were concerned about who had **left** it at the bus stop.

They opened the gift and saw that it was actually from Mrs. J, their Small Group leader. She wrote that she was impressed with their kindness and had **left** a gift where they could see it. They spread the contents of the box across the floor—the present was all of the ingredients for a snack for Small Group!

The girls and their parents all agreed it was a great gift!

What to Do:

Print one for each small group.

The Gift Goes On

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