

Called for a Purpose



BIG IDEA

God can use us to help others, even in situations we did not choose.



LEADER GOAL

Help students understand that God can work through unexpected or difficult situations. Encourage students to look for ways to show God's love to others, including praying for them.



BEFORE STUDENTS ARRIVE

- Review Jonah and 1 Timothy 2:1.
- Be ready to discuss practical ways students can care for others.



WELCOME + CONNECT



LEADER SAYS

"Welcome back, everyone! Last week, we talked about being honest and being ourselves when we pray. Did anyone try that this week? What was it like to talk to God honestly about how you were feeling?"

(Allow students to share without pressuring anyone.)

"Sometimes honest prayer can feel easy, and sometimes it can feel a little strange. Both are okay. God already knows us completely, so we never have to pretend with Him. Today, we're going to learn about another way we can pray. We can pray for other people."

LIVE SPARK

PRAY FOR ONE. HELP ONE.

GRAB

A sealed envelope marked MISSION. Inside: NOTICE ONE PERSON. PRAY FOR THEM. HELP IN ONE PRACTICAL WAY.

IDEA

God can use ordinary moments—even interruptions—to help us notice and care for someone.

SPARK

God can use me to help others.

DO / SAY

[Hold up the sealed envelope.]
 "Okay... this says MISSION."
[Look excited.]
 "This sounds important. Secret code? Hidden treasure? Rescue mission?"
[Open envelope and read card.]
 "Notice one person. Pray for them. Help in one practical way."
[Look slightly disappointed.]
 "That's it? I was expecting something a little more... dramatic."
[Look at students.]
 "But does helping someone have to be dramatic to matter?"
[Pause for responses.]
 "Shrek gets sent on a mission to rescue Fiona. He didn't choose it. He already had other plans."
 "But there was a person at the other end of that interruption."
[Hold up mission card.]
 "Sometimes God can use us like that too."
 "Maybe we notice someone sitting alone. Someone who needs encouragement. Someone who could use a little help."
 "And our mission can be really simple."
[Point to each line on card.]
 "Notice one. Pray for one. Help one."
 "The Bible tells us to pray for other people."
 "And sometimes prayer helps us notice a way we can care."
[Hold up envelope.]
 "You don't have to help everybody. You don't have to solve everything."
 "Just start with one person."
 "And that's our Spark: GOD CAN USE ME TO HELP OTHERS."

THEN Move directly into Junior Week 8 Welcome + Connect / Small Group activity.



STORY CONNECTION

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LEADER SAYS

"While Shrek is in Duloc, something unexpected happens. He is told that he will be the one to rescue Princess Fiona from the dragon. That was not what Shrek wanted to do, and it was definitely not what he thought would happen."

"Imagine how Shrek might have felt. He may have felt annoyed, worried, or frustrated. He was being sent somewhere dangerous to do something he had never planned to do."

"Have you ever had to do something you did not want to do?"

(Allow students to share examples.)

"Sometimes we end up in situations we would not have chosen. Did you know that God can still use us in those situations?"

"The Bible tells us about a man named Jonah. God asked Jonah to go to a city called Nineveh and tell the people there about Him. Jonah did not want to go. In fact, Jonah tried to run away and hide from God."



STORY CONNECTION

"But Jonah could not escape from God, and eventually he went to Nineveh. When Jonah told the people about God, they listened and changed the way they were living. Even though Jonah did not want to go at first, God still used him to make a difference in many people's lives."

"God can use us too. When we are somewhere we did not want to be, or when we have to do something that feels difficult, we can ask, 'How can I show God's love here?' Maybe we can be patient, encourage someone, include someone who feels left out, or help without being asked. Even a small act of love can make a big difference."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LEADER SAYS

"Let's talk about it together."

- 1 If you were Shrek or Jonah, what would have been the hardest part of going somewhere you did not want to go?
- 2 Can you think of a time when you had to do something you really did not want to do?
- 3 Why do you think God sometimes asks us to do things that are not easy?
- 4 If God can use us to help others, what is one way we can do that?



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

PRAYER - PRAYING FOR OTHERS

"Lately, we have been learning a lot about prayer. Prayer is talking with God. We can thank Him, ask for help, share our feelings, ask questions, and tell Him what is happening in our lives. But prayer is not only about us. We can also pray for other people."

"When we know someone who is sick, worried, lonely, or having a difficult time, we can ask God to help them. We can pray for our families, friends, teachers, neighbours, and even people we do not know very well."

"Listen to what the Bible says."

**"First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. Ask God to help and bless them all,"
"and tell God how thankful you are for each of them."**

1 Timothy 2:1

"Praying for someone is one way we can care for them. It does not mean prayer is the only thing we should do. We may also encourage them, include them, listen to them, or tell a trusted adult. Prayer and kindness can work together."



STUDENT REFLECTION

PROMPT Why do you think God wants us to pray for other people?



THIS WEEK - YOUR CHALLENGE!

"This week, your challenge is to pray for someone else. Choose one person and ask God to help, protect, encourage, or bless them."

"You could also look for one practical way to show that person kindness. Maybe encourage them, help them, invite them to join you, or tell them that you are thankful for them."

"Prayer is one way we can share God's love with others."



CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for bringing us together today and for teaching us more about You. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations like Shrek or Jonah, where we have to go somewhere or do something we did not choose. Help us remember that You can still use us in those moments.

Show us how to be kind, helpful, patient, and encouraging wherever we are. Thank You that we can pray for other people. Please help the people in our lives who are sick, worried, lonely, or having a difficult time. Remind them that they are loved and that You are with them.

We are so thankful for our K2K family and excited for everything ahead this year.

Amen.

Connection Activities



SUPPLIES

Blindfold • Donkey picture + tail cutout • Tape • Plain plastic headbands • Green paper/felt • Glue • Scissors • Pre-cut ogre ear templates



PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY

SUPPLIES: Blindfold, donkey picture, tail cutout, tape.



DIY OGRE EAR HEADBANDS

Materials Needed

- Plain plastic headbands, ideally green, black, or brown.
- Green construction paper or green felt.
- Glue sticks or school glue. Glue dots work well for a quick hold.
- Scissors.
- Pre-cut ogre ear templates, using a simple bone/funnel shape.

Instructions

1. Provide each student with a headband and two pre-cut green felt or paper ear shapes, or have older kids trace and cut their own using a template.
2. Roll the bottom flare of the ear shape into a small tube or cone to give the ears their classic 3D trumpet shape, securing the seam with a bit of glue.
3. Fold the bottom tab of the ear around the plastic headband, about 2 inches down from the top centre.
4. Secure the tab tightly to the headband using glue or a couple of glue dots. Let dry for a few minutes before wearing!