

SMALL GROUP | DAY 4

WHAT IS A SELFLESS THING I CAN DO FOR SOMEONE TODAY?



Bible

“Don’t be proud, Be willing to be a friend of people who aren’t considered important. Don’t think that you are better than others.” Romans 12:16 NIRV

Supplies

- Bible
- Image cards for selfless act challenge game
- Take Action prints (1 per camper)
- Word search page (1 per camper)
- Pencils

I am created to belong and help others feel the same.

Digging Deeper:

- What does it mean to be selfless?

The definition for selfless given in the Opening was: “Being selfless means you care for others without expecting anything in return.” We saw that this morning in Vesper helping with chores by selflessly doing them, even by cleaning a toilet!

- Do we always want to be selfless and thinking of others? Sometimes we are just tired and it’s inconvenienced to help or listen or give away something we want.

Guess The Selfless Act Challenge

Pull cards out of the bowl that show a way that they can help, be kind, and care for others selflessly.

Each Camper takes turns pulling out a card.

Olio: discuss what is on the card and how it is a way to be selfless toward others. Then, Campers pair up and act out what’s represented on the card.

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Parlando and Bombershay: Campers guess what is being acted out first and then discuss.

Image

Description

open door	hold the door open for someone
bag of groceries	help carry groceries into the house
speech bubble with a smiley face inside	say kind words
gift box	give someone a gift
broken toy airplane	help a friend fix their broken toy
kitten and bowl of food	feed your pets
two children holding hands crossing the street	safely cross the street together
ear	listen to a friend's story
two people walking a dog	take turns doing something like walking the dog
person holding a party invitation	invite others to come to your party
bathroom	don't take too long in the bathroom so others can use it
cell phone	text nice words to a friend

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Bible Story Connection

Great acting skills! There are lots of ways to help others, be kind, and to care for others in selfless ways.

But let's check on something!

- Are we selfless if we are proud and think we are better than others?
- Are we selfless if we are think we are more important than others?
- Are we selfless when we're in a hurry and think we don't have time to help others?

The Bible says, "Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others." Romans 12:16

That must have been what the priest and Levite thought when they saw the man hurt on the side of the road in our Bible Story today. They must have thought, "I'm better than them" or else they would have helped, right? But the Good Samaritan was willing to help, wasn't he? How was he selfless in caring for the hurt man?

Was it convenient for the Good Samaritan to help the man? He was traveling on the road for a reason. He had to get somewhere. He could have kept going like the others, but he didn't.

Game: Word Search

Attach the two-page spread (one side containing the words, the other side with the search) to each camper's playbill and allow them to search for words while discussing.

Deeper Questions | What can I do to care for someone in a selfless way?

at home?
at VISTO?
in my classroom at school?
on a sports team?
with friends?
with my family?

Create discussion, challenging campers to go deeper and be realistic on how challenging this can be.

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I can think of lots of times when we are too tired, hot, hungry, frustrated whatever it is, to think of others first in a selfless way.

I am so glad to have campers and leaders as my friends because we can think of others and care for them in selfless ways. You belong when you care for others selflessly.



TODAY'S TAKE ACTION

Tell the story of the Good Samaritan to someone at home or that you see this evening. Vesper also created a summary of the story of the Good Samaritan; you can scan the QR code on your wristband to see her recreation and remember what the story was all about!



Write the name of the person you shared with on the sheet taped into your playbill. Bring your Playbill back tomorrow to show us.

If extra time in small group, let campers practice retelling the story by having them act it out (if Olio or Parlando, crew leader can narrate the story while campers act it out).

PRAY

Thank You, God, for the reminder to care for others in selfless ways even when we are tired, frustrated or it feels inconvenient. Help us to see ways to lend a helping hand and a listening ear. Help us to speak encouraging words, always. We want to be a great friend like the Good Samaritan but we know it's not easy. We need you God.

Thank you. Amen.