

SMALL GROUP | DAY 4

YOU BELONG WHEN YOU CARE FOR OTHERS



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
- large bowl to put image cards in
- Word Search pages (1 per Camper)
- pencils

Prepare In Advance

Mark Romans 12:16 NIRV



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.” An example was VERA caring that her friend had her favourite things rather than keeping them for herself because the luggage was lost.

- Do we always want to be selfless and thinking of others? Sometimes are we just tired and it’s inconvenient to help or to listen or to 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 while crossing the street	Safely cross the street together
Child fell off bike and scraped knee	Help a friend when they fall
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 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 NIRV

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

Two page spread with one side containing the words and the other side the search.

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.

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.



How many words can you create from the letters found in GOOD SAMARITAN?

Work by yourself or get the whole family to help you. Write the words on your Playbill page under GOOD SAMARITAN.

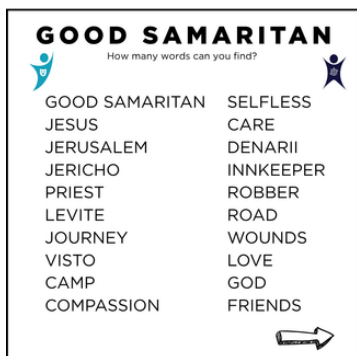


Bring your Playbill back tomorrow to show us. Who do you think will find the most words in our crew, or in the camp?

If you feel stuck or don't know how to spell a word, ask your family for help.

Reference for Day 5, Opening:

Words might include: good, Sam, man, it, at, an, smart, moon, dart, ran, dam, toad, road, rat, tan, dog, tag, rag, mat, nod, aim, tan, aid, dig, sad, and, sang, grim, ring, sand, tong, stand, groan, adorn, groin, mango, star, manor, roasting, standing, starring, domain, margin, good (44 words)



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