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Jesus gives you the power to love, Week 1

June 1-2



When Jesus is your friend, He gives you the power to love.



## **KEY VERSE**

"I can do everything by the power of Christ." Philippians 4:13



## **GOD STORY**

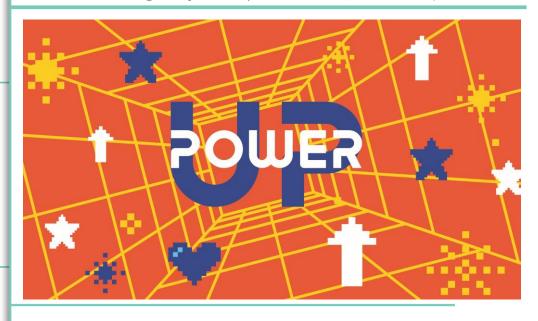
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1 Corinthians; John 3:16; John 13:34



## **BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus (point up) gives
me (thumbs to chest)
the power to do
everything (flex
arms).



### What you need:

- OPENING ACTIVITIES (Busy Bodies)
  - Busy body laminated cards
  - Animal faces
- **APPLY** (Different Fruit)
  - o "Fruit" Activity Page
  - o Medium basket, bin or box
  - Dollar Store plastic fruit (red apple, banana, grapes, orange, pear, and strawberry)
- RELATE (Key Verse with Motions)
  - No supplies needed
- READ
  - The Beginner's Bible Jesus and the Children pg.
     409
- TAKE HOME
  - June Placemat























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# **Opening Activity**

Welcome the children to KidCity! **Don't forget to greet each child by name** (learn their name if you don't know it). This time sets the pace for how the rest of KidCity will go for each child.

### **OPENING ACTIVITIES**

These are some fun ways for you to engage kids as they enter, making them feel safe by immersing themselves in play. For some, starting with an activity rather than a conversation is way less intimidating.

## **Busy Bodies**

What You Need: Busy body laminated cards, animal faces

What You Do:

Set out the busy body cards around the room and guide children to do the activity shown on the card.

## **LARGE GROUP**

Sit with your few during Large Group and help them participate. Model for them what they should do: sing and dance with them, encourage them to stay by (or on) your Small Group blanket, and respond to the HOST, STORYTELLER, and video to encourage your few to do the same.

For the details of Large Group, see the **4-5s LARGE GROUP** Lesson.



















## **APPL**

### **Different Fruit**

Ask kids to draw a card with a piece of fruit on it and then pick the matching fruit from the basket.

#### What You Need:

- For the Group:
  - "Fruit" Activity page
  - Medium basket
  - Dollar store plastic fruit (red apple, banana, grapes, orange, pear, and strawberry)

#### What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Fruit" on cardstock and cut on dotted lines to create six separate cards. Place the basket in the middle of the activity area. Place all of the fruit inside the basket.

During the Activity: Ask a child to draw a card and identify the piece of fruit on the card. Ask him to choose a piece of fruit from the basket that matches the card. Then ask him to choose a piece of fruit from the basket that is different from the picture on the card. Be sure each child gets a turn to choose a card and fruit.

#### What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We are going to play a game with fruit today! We have many DIFFERENT pieces of fruit." (Point.)

During the Activity: "First, draw a card. (Pause.) Can you tell me what piece of fruit is on your card? (Pause.) YES! It is a [red apple]! Let's look inside the basket and see if you can find a [red apple]. (Pause.) Great job! This piece of fruit is the SAME as the fruit on the card. Now let's choose a piece of fruit from the basket that is DIFFERENT from the picture on the card." (Finish activity.)

# RELATE

## **Key Verse with Motions**

Kids will say the memory verse with motions.

#### What You Need:

For the Group: No supplies needed



















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Before the Activity: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the children: I can do (both thumbs to chest) everything (spread arms wide) by the power (make arm muscles) of Christ (point both hands up), Philippians 4:13. (Open hands like a book.)

During the Activity: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

#### What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I am going to say our new memory verse today. Everyone watch me! I can do (both thumbs to chest) everything (spread arms wide) by the power (make arm muscles) of Christ (point both hands up), Philippians 4:13." (Open hands like a book.)

During the Activity: "Now let's do it all together! Are you ready?" (Say the verse with motions several times.)

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that Jesus gives us the power to do everything! Who gives you the power to do everything? [Bottom Line] Jesus gives me the power to do everything!"

### **PRAY**

Pray for each child by name.

**SGL:** Dear God, thank you for loving us. Help us to love others. We love You! In Jesus' name, amen.

### **READ**

The Beginner's Bible: Jesus and the Children pg. 409

### **Take Home**

- For each Kid:
  - June Placemat (given out at drop off)

Take a moment to share with parents about their children's experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.