



LIVE IT OUT | WEEK 3 | JUNE 15, 2025

## Elementary Lesson

# I'll Be There for You

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## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

*This whole summer you get to lead kids through nine amazing weeks of discovering what it looks like to love like Jesus. Each week will break down a "one another" statement from the Bible. God designed us to be in community with one another even when it's challenging, and we'll need God's Spirit to help guide us as we do. In these nine weeks, kids will learn about difficult concepts such as living in peace with one another or forgiving one another. Invite kids to bring open and honest conversation but be sure to create a safe space for them to process what makes some of those things challenging to do.*

As leaders, we have the incredible responsibility of shaping young hearts and minds to reflect the love of Jesus. One of the most powerful lessons we can teach kids is to truly see others—not just with their eyes but with their hearts. Children naturally focus on their own world—their needs, their wants, and their experiences. However, as they grow in faith, they need to understand that following Jesus means shifting that focus outward. Jesus consistently modeled looking out for others. In **Luke 6:6-11**, we see Jesus healing a man with a withered hand, even though it was the Sabbath. The religious leaders were more concerned about rules than about the man's suffering, but Jesus showed that love and compassion should always come first. Similarly, **Philippians 2:4** reminds us, "None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others."

Teaching kids to look out for others is about more than just kindness—it's about shaping them into disciples of Jesus. Every time you help a child notice and respond to the needs of others, you are planting seeds of compassion that will grow throughout their lives. Model it by showing kindness, encourage awareness by asking questions about those around them, and challenge them to act with simple, loving gestures. Keep leading with love, knowing that your work is making an eternal difference.

### **Pre-Service Check List**

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

### **Morning Flow**

Doors  
Open  
9:15/11:00

Large Group  
Starts  
9:35/11:20

Small Group  
Starts  
10:05/11:50

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

LGL: “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

(SLIDE: PROMOTION WEEKEND) “In just a couple of weeks (July 13) school starts back up for most of you. That means that everyone in KidCity will move up as well! Some of you may be in new classrooms, but you will have so much fun wherever you go!

(SLIDE: 5th SUNDAY FUNDAY) “Once in a while there are 5 weeks in a month instead of 4 – and that’s awesome! It’s worth celebrating. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is at the end of this month, and we want you to come and bring your friends!

(SLIDE: BAPTISM) *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don’t dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

### LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

#### TP RELAY

(Rolls of Toilet Paper – 2-4)

“We are in June, which means that we are in our summer series: Live it out!

(SLIDE: VIRTUE) Live it out: discover how to love like Jesus

“For the next couple of months, we’re headed to camp Live It Out. We talk a whole lot about living for Jesus, but we may wonder how we can actually do that. At camp Live It Out, we’ll all get a chance to discover what it means for us to live like Jesus and love the people around us. But first, let’s check out our monthly verse!

(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE) As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. *Philippians 2:5 (NirV)*

*Take a minute to explain that 'Philippians' is a book in the New Testament, and that the first number means 'chapter' and the second one means 'verse'. 'Nlrv' is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn't originally written in English! There are different translations.*

"You'll have more time to practice this month's verse, but for now let's play a game!"

### (SLIDE: GAME SLIDE and Music)

#### HOW TO PLAY

- Split your room into 2-4 teams (or all work together to see how fast you can do it) depending on the size of your room.
- Have the teams stand in a circle facing inward, and then turn to the right. They should all now be facing the back of the person in front of them.
- Explain that teams will be racing to complete this challenge first, BUT it may not be wise to go super fast!
- Teams will play a game of Over Under with the TP. You will start with one player on each team and they will hold the end of the TP and pass it over their head to the person behind them.
- The next person passes the roll **under** their legs to the person behind them by rolling it on the ground. Have them gently step on the roll so when it gets lifted up it doesn't ride up between them.
- Continue the **over-under** pattern around the circle until the roll returns to the starting person.
- The first team to complete the circle wins.
- **THE TWIST:** Don't let the toilet paper rip! If it breaks, the team must pause and count down from **10 to 1** before continuing. If they go too quickly it may actually cause them to lose the game!
- Start the game with "**On your mark, get set, GO!**" and play fun background music.
- Encourage and guide kids as they play, ensuring they follow the over-under pattern and the countdown rule.

"That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let's worship God!"

### WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: FULLY ALIVE [Summer Theme Song], ALIVE)

### BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

"I have a question for you. How well do you think you pay attention to the world around you? Can you spot when something is different about someone? Maybe you walk into your classroom and your teacher has a new hairstyle, how long does it take you to notice? Or maybe your mom hung a new picture on the wall in your living room—do you see it right away or does it take some time? Who out there is someone who always sees when something is different? (*Get responses.*)



“I see those hands! But what about when it comes to people around you? The reality is that we look at people all the time, right? But we don’t always SEE them, if you know what I mean. And even if we do see them, we may not take the time to reach out and let them know we see them. Maybe it’s because we’re not sure how we can help or we’re busy with our own lives.

“We will SEE people every day—family members, classmates, neighbors, or teammates. We’ll see them during all sorts of moments, some of which will be great and exciting and worth celebrating. On the other hand, we’ll also notice moments when these same people may need some help. And it’s one thing to SEE people who could use your help, but it’s another thing to take the time to DO something about it.

“This begs the question: What do we do when we SEE that our friends need help? How can we make the wise choice, treat others like we want to be treated, look out for people, and show them Jesus’ love?

“These are important questions for us to think about. If we say we follow Jesus, we should figure out what it means to LIVE IT OUT and love like Jesus. Thankfully, we have a great place to start: The Bible! The Bible is a collection of books that help us discover who Jesus is and how to live like Him . . . and looking out for one another is HUGE part of that. Let’s head to the Bible now.”

#### **(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 6 MIN)**

“Looking out for others was always at the center of Jesus’ life and work. He didn’t just notice others; He really saw them and their needs. Because of that, He was able to show love to people in the exact way they needed it. If we want to love like Jesus, it will mean taking our eyes off ourselves and first looking at Jesus so we can learn from Him.

“When we begin to take our eyes off ourselves and look at Jesus, He will also show us how to really see what others are experiencing, so we can look out for them. It may mean doing something that makes someone else look good in the end rather than making ourselves look good. It may mean sacrificing our time and energy to go out of our way to help someone else. But THAT is what it means to LIVE IT OUT and love like Jesus.

“You can ask God to take your focus off YOU and help you look out for what the people around you need. The more time and energy you spend looking out for others, the more God can work through you to change the world around you.

“Another way to say it is how our Basic Truth for this week says it...

**(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH)** I am loved by God no matter what so I can love God, love others, and love life.

“As we head to Small Groups, we want you to consider this question:

**(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION)** Who are you looking out for?

*Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on*

*Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don't try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.*

"Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1....

"I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let's pray.

"God, I pray that these students come to know you better through studying your Word and talking to other people who also know you. I pray that they become young men and women who love you and love others and LIVE LIKE YOU. Amen."

## **DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS**





## SMALL GROUP

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### TALK ABOUT IT (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

*There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.*

**Key Question:** Who are you looking out for? How can you help them know that God loves and cares for them?

*(Answers will vary. Look out for those around you by showing God's love through kindness, prayer, and truth, just as Jesus did. Remind them that God cares deeply for them by being present, speaking life, and pointing them to His unfailing grace.)*

### LOOK IT UP (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

*Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.*

**Look Up:** *Philippians 2:4*

**Say:** "The book of Philippians -in the New Testament- is a letter from Paul to the church in Philippi, encouraging them to stay joyful, united, and humble in their faith, even in tough times. Paul reminds them that Jesus humbled Himself to save us and teaches that with Christ's strength, we can do anything."

### PRACTICE IT (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

**(Colored Paper cut in half longways – ½ per kid plus some spares, fun stickers, tape and/or stapler, "Look Out" Stickers – 1 per kid, 1 example of binoculars- optional)**

**What You Do:**

- Have kids help each other make binoculars out of paper.
- Pass out a paper to each kid. Have some spare on hand just in case mistakes are made.
  - *If you have an example of the craft of the craft, go ahead and show it to them now, or show them the picture.*
- Have them roll it like a scroll and then secure it by either taping or stapling it. It WILL be a little challenging, but try not to solve it for the kids. Instead, have them work together to try to secure it. It's ok if it's not perfect! The object of this activity is for children to



work together to help each other and problem solve.

- Once they've created their binoculars, they can decorate them with stickers. Make sure each kid gets the "Look Out" sticker.
- When everyone is done, have the kids play a game with them. Have kids get into pairs (it's ok if there are 3 in a group) and observe each other with their binoculars. Once they've done that, have them turn away from each other and change one thing about their appearance. Have them turn back around and try to figure out what the other kid changes...all while looking through their binoculars, of course!

#### **What You Say:**

"Good job LOOKING out for each other! Keep practicing having eyes to see the needs of people around you so you can live like Jesus.

#### **ASK:**

- Why do you think it's important to look out for others, even when it's not easy? Can you think of a time when you had to choose to help someone even when it was hard?
- In Philippians 2:4, Paul says, "None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others." What does this verse mean to you? How can we put this into action at school or at home?
- What's one way you can show kindness to someone this week, like Jesus did? Is there someone in your life you feel God is asking you to help right now?

## **GET STRONGER (K-5<sup>th</sup>)**

**(Supplies Vary)**

#### **What You Do:**

- Follow the instructions for the "Bible Literacy" activity that is in your bin.

## **PRAYER**

"Dear God, Thank You for teaching us how to see others the way You see them. Help us to be like Jesus and look out for the people around us, especially those who need our help. Give us eyes to notice when others are struggling or need a friend, and hearts that are willing to step in and make a difference. Thank You for showing us Your love and kindness every day. Please guide us to live out what we've learned today and help us share Your love with everyone we meet. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."