

Someone Like You

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Life App: Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's need

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Social: Setting the Tone for the Experience

Who

- No supplies needed

Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Bible Presentation in Large Group

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Anyone

- Bible marked at John 3:16
- "Rebus Verse" Activity Page; one for each kid
- Markers or crayons

Prayer

- "The Greatest Need" Activity Page; one for each small group

Dismiss

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Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Small Groups, 15 minutes)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's Bible Truth.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to give kids some opportunities to meet others' needs. Pray that kids would recognize these opportunities and have the confidence to show godly compassion in those situations. Pray that kids would be able to see past any barriers and take on the challenge of showing compassion.

Who?

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Lead kids in a game similar to "Guess Who?" where you'll use real people.
- Guide kids to stand in a circle.
- Secretly select one child to be your "mystery" child.
- Invite kids to identify who you chose by asking a series of yes-or-no questions, such as: "Is the person you chose wearing tennis shoes? Is the person you chose wearing boots? Is the person you chose wearing red? Is the person you chose a girl?"
- If anyone standing does not qualify based on the yes-or-no questions ask him/her to sit down in order to eliminate options.
- When kids correctly guess the "mystery" child, begin the game again.

What You Say:

"In our Bible Truth today, we'll hear how God chose someone for a very special reason. **[Transition]**
Let's go to Large Group to find out who God's mystery person was."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (10 minutes)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible Truth applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

Anyone

What You Need: Bible marked at John 3, "Rebus Verse" Activity Pages, markers or crayons

What You Do:

- Give each kid an Activity Page, and then invite a child to open the Bible where marked.
- Guide kids to point to the pictures as you "read" the verse together.
- Unpack the word "anyone," emphasizing that it truly means ANYONE—young or old, boy or girl, rich or poor!
- Guide kids to point to the outline of the person.
- Invite them to color the figure either like themselves or like someone they know who needs to believe in Jesus. As they color, again emphasize that anyone who believes in Jesus will live forever with God.

What You Say:

"God loved the world SO MUCH that He sent His own Son to be born on earth. He did it so that ANYONE who believes in Jesus can live forever with God.

"Who do you know that needs to hear about Jesus? (*Pause.*) Knowing Jesus is the greatest need that everyone has. And you know what? God can use you to help meet that need by telling others about Him.

"So how can you tell others about Jesus? (*I can share my Bible with them, I can invite them to church, I can be kind to them like Jesus would, etc.*) Great ideas! So always remember that **[Bottom Line] God can use anyone to meet others' needs**—including you!"

Pray and Dismiss (10 minutes)

What You Need: “The Greatest Need” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Show “The Greatest Need” card to each child.
- Invite kids to tell what the child needs (*presents, a hug, a friend, Jesus, etc.*), and then suggest ways they could meet those needs.
- Make sure kids understand they can help meet others’ needs without money. They can draw pictures or make cards or be a friend by playing with someone who is sad.
- Use the conversation below to lead kids into prayer.

What You Say:

“You may feel like God can’t use you to show others His love. But no matter who you are, God can use you. Just think of some of the people in the Bible who God used. There was Moses. He wasn’t very good at talking, but God used him to lead the Israelites out of slavery. And David, remember him? He was only a shepherd boy when God picked him to defeat a giant and become king of a nation. And then there’s Mary. God chose her out of everyone in the whole world to be Jesus’ mom!

“And you know what? God can use you, too, because ***[Bottom Line]* God can use anyone to meet others’ needs.** Let’s pray.”

Lead kids in prayer, thanking God that He can use anyone to meet others’ needs and asking Him to help you and the kids meet others’ needs this week.

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell their parents today’s Bottom Line: ***[Bottom Line]* God can use anyone to meet others’ needs.**

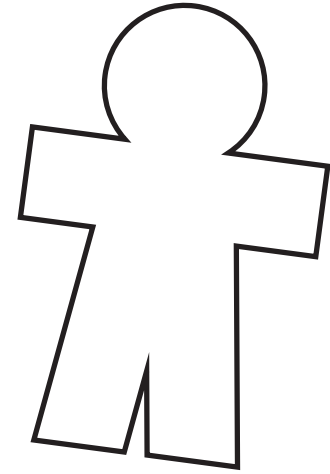
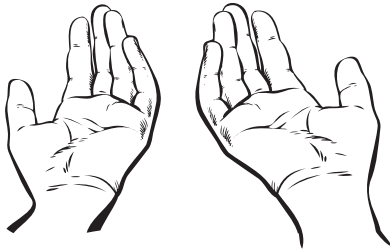
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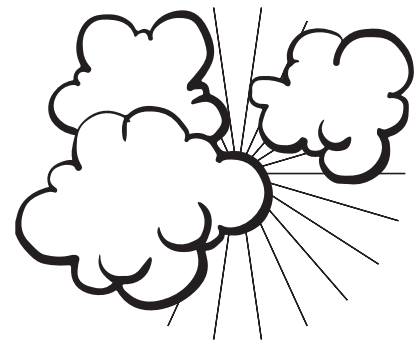
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— John 3:16, NIV

What to Do:

Print one copy for each kid.

Rebus Verse (NIV)

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What to Do:

Print on cardstock. Make one for each small group.

The Greatest Need

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