

Secret Service

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Life App: Service—Lending a hand to help someone else

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

Social: Setting the Tone for the Experience (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

9:00 & 11:30

Early Arriver

- No supplies needed

10:15

Telephone Tongue Twisters

- No supplies needed

Bible: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (9:15, 10:30, 11:45)

- Bible Presentation in Large Group

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

9:00 & 11:30

Service without Applause

- Plastic spoons or spatulas; one for each kid
- Plastic egg

10:15

Service with a Smile

- "Service with a Smile" Activity Pages; one set for each kid
- Markers
- Stapler

Prayer (9:50, 11:05, 12:20)

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Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)

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

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to give your group creative and fun ideas for ways they can be generous and rich in good deeds. Pray that God would remind you of ways your few can use their time, talents, and energy to be generous toward others. Thank God for giving you that opportunity through leading your group.

9:00 & 11:30

Early Arriver

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Ask: "Has anyone ever given you a high five or a round of applause for something?" Prompt them with examples such as: violin concert, soccer game, good grades etc. Allow time for kids to share examples.
- Tell them to put their arms out like they are asking "Why?" and to lay their hands flat out. Tell them to put their right hand under the person's hand to the right of them and their left hand on top of the person's to the left of them.
- Explain that you will begin by taking your left hand and clapping the person's hand who is sitting to the right of you and that you will all continue going around the circle.
- The fun part is, you will yell "High five!" at any time. Explain that the goal is to not have your hand clapped on "High five," so you will want to go around the circle as quickly as possible!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

10:15**Telephone Tongue Twisters****What You Need:** No supplies needed**What You Do:**

- Encourage kids to stand in a circle.
- Explain that you will whisper a Telephone Tongue Twister to the first person in line and the group will pass it down the line until they get to the end.
- Remind them that they may only whisper it once and that even if the person didn't hear them, they can't say it again.
- Ask the last person in line to share aloud what they think the telephone tongue twister was!
- Continue as time and interest allow.

Telephone Tongue Twisters:

1. The darling donkey did a daring deed by dashing to the door.
2. I'd like a proper glass of soda pop pronto, please.
3. Tiny tarantulas are still a teeny terrible time if you ask me.
4. The terribly tall teacher taught the totally trendy class.
5. What was the rhinoceros roaming around the room for?
6. How many miles must I move to make a mega mile mark?

What You Say:

"Wow! Some of those Telephone Tongue Twisters got really messed up. You all were making me laugh so hard. Has anyone ever told a secret with your friends or had someone try to whisper something to you from across a room? It can get pretty confusing in real life, too. **[Transition]** Today in Large Group, we are going to learn about something good we can do in secret and why it's better to keep it that way!"

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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.

9:00 & 11:30

Service without Applause

What You Need: Plastic spoons, plastic egg

What You Do:

- Encourage kids to stand in a circle facing each other.
- Hand out a spoon to each kid.
- Explain that you will place an egg on someone's spoon and they will pass it to the person who is to the right of them.
- The goal is to use their spoons to pass the egg around the circle without dropping it.
- Make it even more challenging for kids by having them put their spoons behind their backs to pass it to each other.

What You Say:

"No one wants to clap when you've dropped and cracked an egg open! Has anyone ever dropped an egg on the ground in real life? (*Allow time for responses.*) Eggs make a complete mess, that's for sure! Here's the thing, though. When it comes to serving others, we don't need applause from others. We can just serve because we know it's the best thing to do. Remember our lesson from today. You can **[Bottom Line] serve others without looking for applause.**"

[Make It Personal] (*Share a personal example of a time you served someone who didn't even know it was you who helped them. Tell how you felt afterward.*)

10:15**Service with a Smile****What You Need:** "Service with a Smile" Activity Pages, markers, stapler**What You Do:**

- Give every kid a set of Activity Pages.
- Tell kids to fold them in order to make a book. Let them know you will come around and staple the books for them.
- Encourage kids to decorate their books and pick out which service activities they are going to accomplish this week.

What You Say:

"I love the way you all are designing your 'Service with a Smile' books. Now you will have a bunch of awesome ideas to serve others all week long. Out of all the ideas, what is one you are most excited for? *(Allow time for as many kids to respond as time allows.)* I love it! It will be even more awesome if you can accomplish those things in secret. It may be fun trying to sneak around and make it happen without anyone noticing. Remember, serving isn't about getting recognized by others. You can **[Bottom Line]** serve others without looking for applause."

All Service Times**Pray and Dismiss (10 minutes)****What You Need:** No supplies needed**What You Do:**

- Ask kids to think about how a high five from a favorite coach or applause from their parents makes them feel.
- Ask a few kids to share their thoughts.

What You Say:

"Dear God, we know that applause does make us feel good! We like to know we have done something good. But when it comes to serving, help us remember that we can **[Bottom Line]** serve others without looking for applause. Help us to remember that when we are serving people in secret, YOU are applauding us, and that is all we need! We love You and thank You for using us to serve others. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen!"