

# Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

## DAY 1

### Read Mark 9:35

This month is all about humility, putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. We feel like having things our way, all the time! But Jesus tells us to do the opposite. We need to serve others before serving ourselves. To serve simply means to pay attention to the people around you and find ways to help.

Write out the words Jesus gave to his followers from today's verse in big block letters on a piece of paper. Decorate the page any way you'd like. Then cut the paper apart into four or five large pieces to create a puzzle. Shuffle the pieces into a stack. Ask a younger sibling or friend to put the puzzle together. Then read the verse aloud and tell them what it means to you.

## DAY 2

### Read Mark 10:45

Jesus gathered His friends for their last supper and showed them how to serve by getting down on his hands and knees to wash their dirty feet. This act of service, something usually done by the lowest ranking servant in a home, painted a picture of how He wanted them to treat others. Jesus knew that in just a few hours, he would be arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to death. Right up until the very end of his time on earth, Jesus chose to serve. And by doing so, He set an example for His disciples and for all of us.

So how can YOU serve? In the space below, write down the names of three people you see most every day. Next to each name, write one way you can serve them this week. Then pray and ask Jesus to help you serve just as He served, with a good attitude and a willingness to put others first.

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DAY 3

### Read Romans 5:8

Jesus came to give us a forever relationship with God. He didn't wait for you to stop messing up or get your act together. He chose to love and forgive us. Jesus humbled himself so that we can be forgiven. Putting others first is a way to show Jesus how grateful we are for all He's done.

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#### Memorize This!

Write down each word from Romans 5:8 on separate scraps of paper. Lay them out in order and say the verse aloud. Remove two cards and repeat the verse. Continue in the same way, removing two cards each round, until you can say the verse from memory.



DAY 4

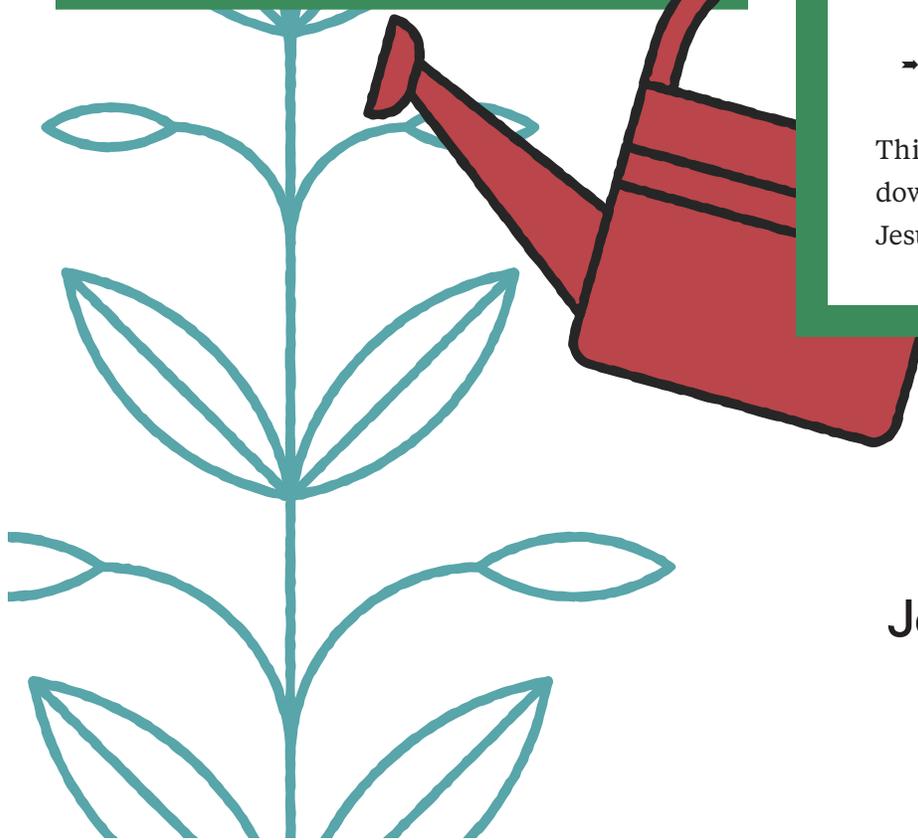
### Read John 15:13

No one loves you more than Jesus loves you. He proved His love for you on the cross. You don't have to earn His love. And once you accept His love, you cannot lose it. Understanding just how much you are loved should lead you to love the people around you. Following Jesus means we love others like He loves us.

When you choose humility, you choose to lay down or give up what you want. That could look like...

- ➔ Letting someone else pick the movie or TV show you watch.
- ➔ Holding the door to let a friend walk through first.
- ➔ Standing back so that others can get the first choice.
- ➔ Listening instead of interrupting.

This week, look for opportunities to lay down your life – to put others first – just as Jesus put you first.



Jesus put others first.

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## DAY 1

### Read Matthew 28:5-6

This week, we celebrate the most important event in all of history. Easter is the day we celebrate that Jesus is alive! After Jesus died, they placed His body in a tomb with a huge rock rolled over the entrance. When Jesus' friends went to the tomb on Sunday, they found the stone rolled away and an empty tomb. Jesus wasn't there because Jesus rose again!

We celebrate Easter because Jesus conquered the grave and is alive. Because of what He did for you and for me, we can have a relationship with God forever.

### Traditions

What is your favorite Easter tradition? Do you hunt for Easter eggs, gather with family for a big meal, or try your best not to eat all that chocolate bunny in one sitting? Easter candy and family meals are awesome but the real reason we celebrate is because of what Jesus has done! At your next family meal, read Matthew 28:5-6 aloud and then spend some time talking about why Easter is important to you!

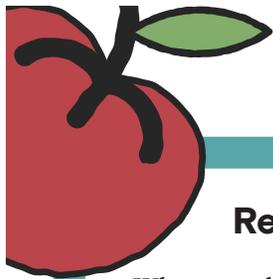
## DAY 2

### Read John 20:18

On the Sunday morning after Jesus died, Mary went to the tomb. We can imagine that she felt sad and hopeless. Jesus, her teacher and friend, had died.

And when she saw that empty tomb, she must have been so confused. Where had they taken Jesus' body? But then Jesus appeared to her – ALIVE! His death wasn't the end. Her sadness was replaced with joy.

We celebrate Easter because Jesus rose again! Did you catch the very last part of today's verse? Mary told the disciples what she had seen and heard. Pray and ask God to help you celebrate by telling others about what Jesus has done for you!



DAY 3

### Read Ephesians 1:7

When we think about freedom, sometimes we think about a life without rules. Jesus didn't see things that way. He gave up control, allowed those people to arrest, convict, and crucify Him so that you could be free. At any moment, Jesus could have called down an army of angels to rescue him. But He didn't. Jesus humbled himself so that we could experience real life.

The best way we can celebrate that freedom is by choosing to follow Jesus every day. When we follow Jesus and share His love with others, we can lead them to know Jesus too!



Fill in every other word of the verse. Then read it aloud and say "THANK YOU" to God for the freedom you have through what Jesus has done.

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..... because ..... what  
..... has ..... Because  
..... bled ..... died  
..... sins ..... been  
..... We ..... been  
..... free ..... God's  
..... is ..... rich.

Ephesians 1:7, NIV

DAY 4

### Read 2 Corinthians 5:15

When someone puts you first, helps you, encourages you, and loves you completely, doesn't it make you want to put them first, encourage, and love them right back?

Jesus did that for us! He died on the cross for us. Instead of living lives for ourselves, as followers of Jesus, we should live like He did. We should treat others the way we want to be treated.

The best way to celebrate and show our gratitude for what Jesus has done is by choosing to follow Him and show His love to others. We can do that when we put others first.

Write down the name of someone you can put first! How will you do that? Make a plan to share Jesus' love with that person today.



## Celebrate because Jesus is alive.

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### Read Philippians 2:3

Grab a sheet of paper and write today's verse.

Put a BIG box around the word "anything." What does that word include? Well, everything! If you find yourself doing something just to get ahead or win or be first, don't! Instead, you should what? Yes, be humble.

The next time you find yourself doing "anything" to get ahead, stop. Remember what Jesus has done for you and ask Him to help you put others first this week.

## DAY 2

### Read Philippians 2:5-6

Since 1837, Buckingham Palace has been the official London home of Britain's monarchy. It takes a lot of people to run a palace with 600+ rooms. They even have two people who just take care of the 300 clocks inside!

How many people do you think work at the palace? .....

When Jesus came to earth, he was way more influential and important than any king or queen. But he didn't build a fancy palace or expect other people to serve Him. He came to serve. He humbled himself, going all the way to the cross for us. We should put others first because Jesus put us first.

### What's Missing?

Fill in the missing letters below. Pray and ask Jesus to help you think and act like Him this week.

"A..... you .....ea..... .....i.....  
o.....e a.....o .....e ....., you  
.....ou..... .....i.....  
a..... a..... a..... e.....u.....  
.....i....." Philippians 2:5, NIV

Answer: around 400 people work to keep the palace running

DAY 3

### Read Philippians 2:7

Paul talks about how Jesus chose to come to earth and live a poor life instead of entering the world as a rightful king or powerful ruler. Jesus came to serve, to love others, to help, and most importantly to SAVE. Because of His obedience to live this way and to die on the cross for us, we can have a relationship with God forever. Jesus gives us the ultimate example of humility by choosing to put us first.

Take out a piece of paper and write the word "JESUS" in large block letters in the center of the page. All around the page, write out words that describe how you could become more like Jesus. Here are a few examples to get you started: loving, listening, serving, helping.

Ask God to help you follow him by putting others first this week.

DAY 4

### Read Philippians 2:8

Jesus chose to put us first. When you follow Jesus, you can put His love into action. You can treat everyone around you like Jesus treated people in His life.

Because Jesus *listened* when people were hurting, you should listen well.

Because Jesus *showed compassion* to the people around him, you should show compassion.

Because Jesus *taught others about God*, you should tell others about Him.

Because Jesus consistently gave up what he wanted to *put others first*, you should put others first too.

Think of someone who you can put first. In the space below, write one way you could put that person first sometime this week. Be specific.

Ask God to help you follow through on what you've written so you can put others first just as Jesus put you first.

Put others first because  
Jesus put you first.

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## Read Luke 24:27

When Jesus met the men on the road to Emmaus, they had no idea they were actually talking to Jesus! Jesus had been crucified and buried. They'd heard that the tomb was empty. But Jesus wasn't dead. He was alive and with them on the road!

As they walked, Jesus started explaining everything the Scriptures said about God's promised Savior, how he would have to die and then be raised back to life. They couldn't believe what they were hearing, and they didn't want Jesus to stop talking! So, they invited him to eat with them, and as he broke the bread, suddenly they recognized this man was Jesus!

Jesus took the time to explain everything about Himself. He was humble, patient, and kind. We can treat others in the same way.

You can put others first by helping them understand.

DAY 2

## Read Colossians 3:12

Whether you've thought about it or not, your clothes say something about you. Just like you'd never leave the house without getting dressed, God wants you to clothe yourself with humility.

Grab your favorite piece of clothing like your favorite hoodie or pair of jeans. With an adult's permission, write "BE HUMBLE" on the tag. As you put it on this week, stop and think about God's deep love for you. Ask God to help you show love by putting others first this week.

DAY 3

### Read 1 Corinthians 10:24

Do you know what it means to be self-centered? It means to be preoccupied with yourself, to only think about what you want. We live in a self-centered world where people worry about themselves instead of caring for others. When you're self-centered, everything is about me, me, me! But humility takes the focus off of me and puts it on others.

Just think about how different your world would be if everyone in your class at school chose humility?

While you can't control what others do, you can control what you do. Thankfully God will help you! Spend some time in prayer today. Name the kids in your class at school or on your ball team or in your neighborhood. Ask God to help you put those friends first this week.

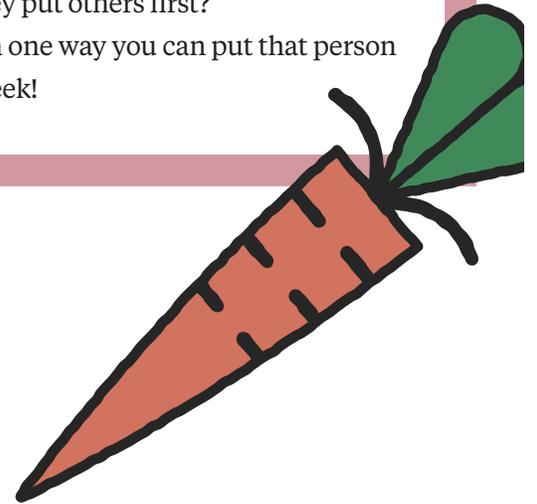
DAY 4

### Read James 4:10

When we recognize who God is, we understand that God is worthy of all honor and praise. When we understand how mighty and powerful and loving and perfect God is, we "humble" ourselves and think about how God wants us to live.

God lovingly sent Jesus to save us so long ago. Jesus came to serve, to show us who God is and to give His life for us. Serving and humility go hand in hand and we see that in the way God loves and cares for us.

Write down the name of someone you know who is great at serving others?  
How do they put others first?  
Write down one way you can put that person first this week!



Put others first by helping them understand.



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## Read Ephesians 4:2

Have you ever baked cookies or something else? Did you follow a recipe?

Our verse today gives us a pretty good recipe for putting others first. When we combine humility with gentleness, and mix it with patience, the people around us feel loved and cared for. When we're careful or gentle with our words and actions, we put others first! When we're patient, when we listen and wait on others instead of getting frustrated, we show love to the people around us.

In the space below, write your own recipe for putting others first. For each of the words below, write down one way you can put that idea into practice. Put your recipe into action with your friends this week!

### Recipe for Humility

Ingredients:

Gentleness: .....

Patience: .....

Service: .....

Kindness: .....

Love: .....

DAY 2

## Read Proverbs 27:2

When you do something cool – like score a goal or reach the next level in a video game – do you ever wish that people would tell you how great you are? How do you feel if they don't?

It's awesome when other people recognize your hard work, but it's not so awesome when you brag about your success. This Proverb reminds us to let the praise come from someone else. And if no one notices, if no one ever sees exactly what you've done, remember, GOD does!

Write the words of this verse inside the speech bubble to remind you to choose humility and let others praise you this week.

Listen to others and let them say, "Good Job!" instead of bragging about your own accomplishments this week.

DAY 3

### Read 1 Peter 3:8

The word humility comes from the word humus. Humus is an important part of the soil necessary for plant growth. It's the substance left over from other plants and animals after the long process of decomposition. With humus as part of the soil, you have the best environment for a plant to grow and thrive.

What if you had two friends who were both selfish, and only looked out for themselves? Would that be a healthy friendship? No way!



According to today's verse, what are some things a healthy friendship needs? Unscramble the answers below:

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E O V L      N K D S S E N I

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E E E S S N N T D R

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*Answers: understanding, love, kindness, tenderness, humility*

DAY 4

### Read Galatians 5:13-14

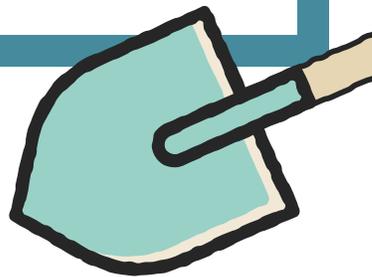
Grab any unfilled plastic Easter eggs or plastic containers with lids from the kitchen. Cut or tear a sheet of paper into several strips. On each piece, write "ME" or "OTHERS." Put each piece in a different container and mix them up. Beside each scenario below, write either "ME" or "OTHERS" based on what you find inside the container.

As you and your best friend start to play catch at recess, you notice the new kid sitting by herself.

Your parent says you have 30 minutes of TV time left and your little brother wants to watch his favorite show.

Your parent says you can buy one bag of Easter candy for the family to share. Your favorite is chocolate eggs but your sister loves jellybeans.

Spoiler alert! You don't HAVE to follow what the paper says. You have a CHOICE. You can choose to let go of what you want or to put yourself first. When you put others first, you live out what Jesus said is the most important thing: loving others.



## Put others first by making things right.