

5th Grade

Unit 6: Worship in Church

Truth 39: We're called to serve and give to the church.

INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Booklet:** Write today's truth: "We're called to serve and give to the church."

MEMORY WORK: Lead the group in a discussion about why memorization is important when it comes to scripture and other important works of faith.

- **Booklet:** Have kids write the unit Bible verse: [Hebrews 10:24-25 ~ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.](#)
- **Game:** Reinforce the verse for today by using one of the activities in the Memory Verse Activity Box.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- **Booklet:** Have kids fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class.

37. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednigo were thrown into a fiery furnace and saved by God.

38. Daniel was thrown into a lion's den and saved by an angel.

39. Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph who were both descendents of Abraham.

40. Jesus lived a perfect life without sin even as a child.

- **Game:** Reinforce today's trivia by doing an activity from the Trivia list. Add in any previously learned trivia from the list in your leader's guide.

APOSTLE'S CREED: Recite the Apostles' Creed together.

DISCUSSION:

Read 1 Peter 4:8-11.

[What does it mean to 'love one another earnestly' as a church?](#) (To be earnest means to wish for the success of someone. To love one another within the church in this way means that we show love for each other by acting in a way that helps the church succeed.)

[How does the church show hospitality on a Sunday?](#) (Encourage discussion, but include greeting people at the door, working at the coffee bar, setting up the church before service, and keeping the church clean.)

[Who supplies the strengths and the gifts that we use to serve?](#) (God supplies both our gifts and the strength by which we serve each other.)

[Why should we serve each other?](#) (So that God is glorified through Jesus Christ.)

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-9.

[This verse addresses the state of our hearts when we give. Why is it important that we each decide how much to give in our hearts and aren't forced to give?](#) (God loves a cheerful giver, one who isn't giving because they have to, but who is giving out of pure generosity.)

[The word 'sufficiency' means to have enough. Why does God give us enough of all things at all times?](#) (Ultimately all that we have comes from God, so giving back some of that bounty to the church is a way of helping to do good works for God's kingdom.)

[If you have been blessed with more, should you bless others with more or should everyone give the same amount no matter what?](#) (Encourage discussion.)

Extended Discussion: At Deer Creek we have a lot of ways that people serve the church. As a group, have the kids write down on the left side of their note sections a list of all of the ways that people serve at Deer Creek.

Service at Deer Creek:

- Greeters (greet people at the door - hold the door)
- Ushers (pass out anything that needs it in the sanctuary)
- Coffee Bar (Help keep the coffee and donuts flowing)
- Worship Team (play instruments and sing)
- Tech Team (work in the Tech booth to help with lights, sound, video, and the slides)
- Leaders and Assistants in Kids Ministry
- Leaders in Youth Ministry
- Leaders in Adult Small Groups
- Get Communion Ready

Have a discussion on how even as almost 6th graders, they could each be a part of service at Deer Creek. Some examples are: serving alongside their parents as greeters or in the coffee bar or training to be a youth assistant in the Kids Ministry. Make sure they know that there is a training program that they can take which will teach them how to be an assistant in Kids Ministry. They can have their parents email Bonnie to learn more about what that looks like.

Summary: God has called every believer to serve his people using their unique talents and spiritual gifts. We give and serve so that God may be glorified in Christ Jesus. By serving others and showing generosity, we are serving God out of gratefulness for his grace. It isn't enough though to simply give of our time, talent, or treasure, we need to do it with a cheerful heart. You see, God provides for us abundantly, so He loves it when we cheerfully give to others. It isn't just about providing what others need, it is about the state of our heart when we do it.

PRAYER: Ask kids if they have any prayer requests. Lead the kids in reciting the **Lord's Prayer** together, then pray as you feel led.

SNACK AND COMMUNITY TIME: Pass out snacks and water if needed. Spend the rest of the time in fellowship or consider doing a communal game from the list if kids are getting antsy and need more structure.

- **Memory Challenges:** Allow any kids who want to attempt one of the memory challenges to do so.

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