



ROOTED KIDS

WEEK 6: How Can I Make the Most of My Life?

MAIN IDEA: God made us to serve others.

WORSHIP: Sing with the children the song, "Who You Say I Am."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOLHTDVy5C0>

REFLECT: God prepares us to fight off Satan's temptations.

- Belt of Truth: A belt secured a warrior's armor in battle. We belong to God and He has already defeated Satan!
- Breastplate of Righteousness: The breastplate was worn in front of a soldier's chest to protect his heart. Jesus protects our hearts from Satan's temptations
- The Shoes of Peace: Shoes are worn for action! Share the love of Jesus with others by serving others.
- The Shield of Faith: A shield was a warrior's main defense. We resist Satan's lies by putting our faith in God. He shields us from Satan!
- The Helmet of Salvation: A helmet protects a soldier's head. A spiritual helmet protects our minds from the world's false messages.
- The Sword of the Spirit: A soldier's sword could deliver blows to his enemies. Our spiritual sword is God's word.

SCRIPTURE: Read Ephesians 2:10 aloud with the children. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

DISCUSSION:

- What does the word "serve" mean?
- Let kids offer a few ideas. Then say: The dictionary says that "serve" has more than twenty meanings! The word "serve" can mean to offer food, to help, to spend time, to work, to give honor, and to be obedient.

Today we're going to learn about serving. Ask:

- Who do you serve in your life?
- What do you do to serve others?
- When we choose to serve God, we start a chain reaction of events. By serving God, we also serve others. I'll show you what I mean.





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ACTIVITY:

- Have kids stand around the tub of water.
- Pick up a marble and say: “When we serve God, we serve others around us. Let’s say this marble is a person who has chosen to serve God.”
- Drop the marble in the tub.
- Say: “See? This one little action affects the whole pool of water. That’s just how it is with service. Everything we do as we serve God has an effect on our world. Add something about using our gifts.
- Let a few kids take turns dropping the marbles into the center of the water and watching the ripple effect.
- Discuss how the tub is like the world and how even the little things we do can ripple out and affect our whole world.
- Point out that not everyone dropped their marble into the water differently. Say, “God has given us different kinds of gifts.”

DISCUSSION:

- Show children the Five Rings of Service (Use a large piece of paper and draw 5 concentric circles) that you’ve drawn. Point out how the rings of service are similar to the ripples in the tub. Point to each ring of service as you offer the following explanation.
- Say: At the center of service is God. Then come the people we’re closest to, our family members and friends. Next come our church friends, and finally, our neighbors in the community and our neighbors in the world. Label each circle appropriately.

PRAYER: Dear God, as we stand in a circle, we know that you are at the center of our lives. Please be with us as we try to be your willing servants. Bless our projects and help us to remember that every time we serve a person, we’re actually serving you! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

