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Go Week 3

I. Synopsis *(a summary of the lesson from this week)*

A global outreach organization is on the GO looking for new recruits! Jonah and Alexis have an application from Evangeline, but they need to see if she really lives like she says she does! GO see what sharing your service looks like in everyday life.

You can watch the teaching segments from this week at:

<http://lifekids.lifechurch.tv/toon-town/unit-79/Week-3>. It will be helpful to watch this segment before talking about it with your child. Or, you all can watch it together as a family – it's only about 15 minutes long!

II. Hook: *(a fun, interactive activity that helps connect to a spiritual conversation)*

Talk about how some people don't have enough money to buy food to eat or a nice place to live in. Have your kids go to the kitchen and together pick out one can of food that would be the only thing the family would get to eat that day. Then have the kids go into their rooms and get dressed into their warmest clothes so that they could stay warm sleeping outside all night long. Talk about how some people have to live like this all the time and then discuss some ways that you as a family might be able to help those in need.

III. Book *(a review of the Bible verse and Bible phrase taught this week)*

Have your child lookup and read John 13:35, or read it yourself: "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Then read the phrase for this week: "Our mission is to spread the message of Jesus, to share Jesus' love through our example, to show them Jesus' love through our service."

IV. Look *(a series of questions to talk about with your child)*

First, ask your child what he or she remembers from the story that they watched on Sunday. You can remind them that Alexis dressed up as a homeless person to see how Evangeline would treat her. Jonah and Alexis then talked about how Jesus hung out with outcasts, the poor, and those who were unpopular, and that when His followers do likewise, they are being the “hands and feet” of Jesus. They also searched online for more information about Evangeline and discovered that she served all the time, not just every once and a while.

Next, discuss the following questions:

- What is community service? What are some examples of what this looks like?
- What kinds of people did Jesus spend time with? What did He do for them?
- Why should we help those who are poor or in need?
- How does serving others show them God’s love?

V. Took *(what you want your child to remember from this story)*

1. Community service is helping meet a need for people who live around you.
2. Even non-Christians get involved in community service, but we should make sure that what we are doing honors God, not just makes us feel good about ourselves.
3. Jesus spent time with the poor, the outcasts, and the unpopular people. When we help these same types of people, it’s almost like Jesus is helping them.
4. Giving to the poor is something Jesus talked about often. God has a special love for the poor, and that means that we should demonstrate that love by helping them.
5. When you demonstrate your love in this way, it identifies you as a follower of Jesus.

Talk with your child about an opportunity you might have to serve together in your community. You might even plan a family service project!

VI. The Next Step *(what your child can do to get a deeper understanding of these concepts)*

Help your child lookup and read the verses from this week’s Take Home Card. Each one that your child completes is worth an extra point in the team competition next Sunday. Be sure and sign off at the bottom for the verses that were read!