

CONFIRMATION CLASS
Christian SERVICE

I. Opening - Attendance - Announcements

WE ARE GOING TO LEARN: ABOUT CHRISTIAN SERVICE

- God served us in Jesus.
- God wants us to serve Him and others.
- What service looks like.

SPEAK TOGETHER OUR MEMORY VERSE Matthew 20:26-28 . . . Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave -- 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (NIV)

SKIT 1

(Students sitting at desks in class.)

JENNY: (Raising hand) Mrs. Hoffmeister, may I get a drink of water, please?

MRS. HOFFMEISTER: Sure Jenny.

JENNY: Thanks, Mrs. Hoffmeister.

MONICA: Jenny, bring me back a pencil.

JENNY: OK, Monica. (Jenny leaves to get water, comes back at the end with the pencil.)

SAM: What did you say?

MONICA: I *told* Jenny to bring me a pencil. My lead broke.

SAM: Did you ever hear of please?

MONICA: I guess, what's the big deal. She's up. I didn't want to have to leave my desk. She can get it for me.

SAM: So, is Jenny your servant?

MONICA: No, I just need a pencil and told . . .(pause) maybe I should have asked . . . Jenny to get a pencil for.

JESSICA: Jenny's still serving you.

MONICA: What's wrong with that?

JESSICA: Do you ever serve her, or help her?

MONICA: Sure I do.

SAM: When?

MONICA: Well (pause), um, (pause) I don't know, really.

JENNY: (Walking back to her desk and placing a pencil on Monica's desk) Here you go Monica.

MONICA: Thanks, Jenny.

**WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER DO?
(Circle the honest answer for each line)**

Take out the Trash	Get someone else to take out the trash.
Babysit my little brother	Have my mom babysit my brother so I can play with my friends.
Stop to help someone stalled on the side of the road.	Forget the person who needs help, and go where I need to go.
Clean my room.	Make my mom clean my room.
Be nice to the school nerd.	Make fun of the school nerd.
Shovel the driveway.	Hire someone to shovel the driveway.
Visit a sick person in a nursing home	Let the doctors take care of the sick.
Help the poor get food.	Let the poor get a job.
Help a charity that takes care of battered women	Let the women take care of themselves.

READ THE VERSES AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

Matthew 20:17:-19

17 Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, 18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

- T F Jesus is going to Jerusalem to conquer his enemies and show people He is boss.
- T F Jesus is God, and never expected to have to suffer or be humiliated or mocked.
- T F Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing He would be unjustly accused, beaten and killed. Knowing this he went anyway.
- A B C D Jesus went to Jerusalem a) for himself, b) for his friends, c) for the Jews, d) for all people, even those who would kill him.

READ THE VERSES AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

Matthew 20:20-28

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 21 "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

22 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

23 Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." 24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

25 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

T F Right after Jesus told the disciples He would be going to Jerusalem to suffer and die for them, the disciples decided to follow His example and put other people first.

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T F When Jesus was giving his life to suffer for others, it made Him feel good, feel like His disciples were listening, when they asked for special privileges and honors in the face of His sacrifice.

T F Jesus said, the Gentiles seek places of honor and power, so we should do the same.

T F I could go to heaven without Jesus suffering and dying for me.

T F Jesus said, he came to serve us so He could save us.

T F Jesus said he came to serve us so He could save us, and we should serve others too.

READ THE VERSES AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

Matthew 20:29-34

29 As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. 30 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 31 The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

32 Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

33 "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

34 Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

T F After Jesus taught His disciples about service, using words, two blind men tried to see Jesus, but he didn't want anything to do with them.

A B C D The people told the blind men to be quiet. Why do you think this is? a) They thought these blind men were sinners who were blind because of what they did, b) the people thought Jesus was busy and didn't have time for the blind men, c) the people were embarrassed by the blind men, d) all of the above.

T F Jesus did not just talk about serving others. Jesus showed it by serving us, and also by healing these blind men.

A B C D A MATURE disciple of Jesus a) should expect other people to serve them, and care for them, b) serve and help others in all tasks of life, c) help others only if they benefit in the long run, d) all of the above.

WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER DO (circle)
WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO (square)

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CLOSING SKIT (A continuation of our previous skit)

JESSICA: Monica, do you ever serve Jenny? Or help her?

MONICA: Sure I do.

SAM: When?

MONICA: Well (pause), um, (pause) I don't know, really.

JENNY: (Walking back to her desk and placing a pencil on Monica's desk) Here you go Monica.

MONICA: Thanks, Jenny. . . you know you are really nice to me.

JENNY: What do you mean, Monica?

MONICA: Well, you're always helping me with homework. With rides to school. You didn't even think twice when I asked you to get me a pencil. And, Sam and Monica pointed out I didn't really even ask. I told you to get me a pencil. But, you still did that for me. Thanks, Jenny. And I'm sorry.

SAM: Jenny, why are you so nice to Monica, and to the rest of us too?

JENNY: I don't know that I even think about it. I guess I was raised that way. But, I'll tell you why I was raised to help others. I learned in church that God loved me and made me, but I rebel against Him, and sin against Him. With what I did to God He should have gotten rid of me. Instead, God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus didn't do anything wrong. He was God. But, Jesus came to earth and . . .

JESSICA: I know, Jenny. Jesus came to earth and he was betrayed, and denied, and beaten, and whipped, and nailed to a cross, and died. He did that for us because He loved us.

SAM: Yeah, I know. Can you believe it? We have done some done things, but Jesus keeps loving us, and forgiving us. He keeps serving us, doesn't He?

JENNY: Well, that's why I don't usually even think about it when I have a chance to help someone else. . . But, Monica, I did notice you didn't ask me, you just told me. I figured if you knew what you were doing you'd be embarrassed. So, I got your pencil anyway.

MONICA: I am sorry, Jenny. And thanks.

SAM: Yeah, thanks, Jenny. That's a lesson we all can learn.

MRS. HOFFMEISTER: Yes, class, that is an important lesson to learn. I think I'll give Jenny an 'A.'

CLOSING

- Attendance
- Write out memory verse on the next page.

MEMORY VERSE - Confirmation Lesson 12

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27 and whoever wants to be _____ must be your s _____ -- 28 just as the _____ of

_____ did not come to be _____, but to _____, and to _____ his

_____ as a _____ for _____." (NIV)

OPTIONAL - If time allows read the verse and discuss the questions

John 13:1-17 (Jesus humbles himself and washes the feet of His disciples and calls them to do as He did.)

1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. 2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

-How does Jesus serve in this story? Describe what it would be like to wash someone's feet. Would you expect GOD to do that?

-What does He want us to do?

-How do we 'Wash Peoples' feet?