

LESSON 19
“HELPFULNESS”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

2 Kings 4:1-7 (pages 389-390)

CHARACTER WORD

Helpfulness – To give aid or useful assistance to another person

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can trust God to help me.

MEMORY LINK

Psalm 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.”

(KBC Study Bible pg. 591)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards,

beach pails

Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

None

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Blindfolds, bean bags

Option 2: Bean bags, spatulas, sport cones

Elisha Helps a Widow

WHAT’S THE POINT?

Have you ever been in a desperate situation? Maybe you have faced financial problems, family problems or health issues. Have you ever felt like you had nowhere to turn? Psalm 46:1 says, “God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in times of trouble.” He is the One who meets us in the desperate situation and is our Helper. He is right there when we need Him.

In today’s story, God helped a woman who was in a desperate situation. Her husband was dead, she owed money and she did not have enough food to feed her two sons. God sent Elisha to help her. Not only did God provide her food, but He gave her over and above what she could have imagined.

Psalm 28:7 says, “The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.” We can trust God to help us and keep us safe. He is worthy of our praise. We can rejoice because we have a God whom we can trust to help us.



GET CONNECTED

10-15 Minutes – Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today’s lesson

No supplies needed

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your surf team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- Today’s character word is helpfulness. What does helpfulness mean?
- Share an example of a way you may be able to help in the following situations:
 - A child has fallen and has hurt himself
 - Another person is sad or lonely
 - You meet a person who is hungry
 - A friend is unprepared for a test that is taking place tomorrow
- Has there been a time that you needed help? Did anyone help you?



Guide clubbers to locate and mark today’s Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

Worship Tip

Your stage presence matters to kids! They are watching everything you do as you lead. If you are excited, they are excited. The kids will learn to worship by imitation. If you aren’t an expressive worshiper they will not be expressive either. Pray and ask God to help you to be the best kind of worship leader you can be.

MEMORY LINK



Teaching a Bible verse to clubbers; helping them to memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Today's character word is helpfulness. The Bible is full of stories about how God helps people. Can you think of any stories in the Bible about God helping people? (Allow for answers.) Today's Bible story is about God helping a woman who had no money. The Bible story is found in the book of 2 Kings, which is in the Old Testament.

Focus on Today's Memory Link

Today's memory link is from the longest book in the Bible, Psalm. The verse tells us where our best source of help is. Who is our source of help? (God) Turn in your KBC Study Bible to page 591 and let's read Psalm 46:1 aloud together. "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." What does refuge mean? (Refuge is a safe place where we cannot be harmed.) God is always with us. We can look to Him when we are in trouble. We can trust God to help us.

Option 1 – FIND THE WORD

Index cards, beach pails

Prepare

Write each word of the memory link on a separate card and place in a beach pail.

Allow the first clubber to search in the beach pail for the first word of the verse, then place it on the table or floor. The pail is then passed to the next clubber who searches for the second word of the verse. Repeat until the verse is completed. You may want to use a timer and repeat this activity to see how fast your group can complete the verse.

Option 2 - PAT PALMS

No supplies needed

Ask the clubbers to stand in a circle with hands out in front of them with palms up. Instruct the first clubber to say the first word of the memory link then pat the hand of the person on their right. The second clubber says the second word of the memory link and pats the hand of the person to their right. Continue around the circle as the kids say a word and pat the palm of the person next to them. Repeat several times, reversing the direction each time.

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Teaching Tip

You may want to use the following acrostic to help the children retain the meaning of being helpful:

- H - Heart to assist or serve those in need
- E - Encourage with your words and presence
- L - Listen to the one in need
- P - Pray with and for the person in need

Teaching Tip

Be helpful by participating in all of the activities during Beach Club. Avoid talking to the kids or other leaders during important times like worship or memory link or Bible connection. By being mindful of these simple things, you will be helping the kids have the best opportunity to hear the truths and worship.



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