



A Renewal of Servant Devotion

April 3

Matthew 20:17-27

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Give examples of heroes that your kids have. Look at them a little closer - do they always do everything right or good? Does being famous mean they are good people?
- Bring one or two people on stage to demonstrate the difference between a humble and arrogant attitude. You could have two people in characters, or one person that the children know to be a humble, servant hearted person, and have them act arrogantly and rude (somebody that is able to pull it off). What is the difference between these two attitudes?
- Tell the story of the Good Samaritan with this passage in mind - how does that story reflect this lesson?
- Show pictures of different people either serving or being served. Who does the world say is more important? Who did Jesus say was more important?
- Act out the story, but with a narrator in conversation with audience. Have the kids respond to questions from the narrator as the story goes along - such as asking whether the mother and son did what was good and right.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- What do you think God wants for us: to be a famous person, or a person whose name isn't known by everybody but is kind and loving?
- The world says that we should try to be powerful and important, but Jesus says to be important we have to first serve others. What does it look like to serve others?
- Jesus said he came to serve; how did he serve us? Why did he have to die?
- James, John and their mom understand Jesus will be king. What do they not understand?

At Home Connections

- What are some ways your family can serve those around you?
- When we play games or sports, we can be very competitive - we want to win! The world we live in says we also need to "win" at life by being better than and beating everybody else. Talk about what servanthood means in the context of your life.