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Family Connect Newsletter
Week of October 10-16
To Serve and Not to Be Served

Discover This Week's Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

Parent Connect

Thoughts on Mark 10:35-45

This week's Gospel offers another example of the true humanity of Jesus' disciples. Part of each of us wants to be FIRST. Being the winner makes us feel good.

What often happens when a classroom of children are asked to line up? How many times is there an argument or pushing match for the back of the line?

The remaining ten disciples were understandably upset with James and John. Jesus reminded all of them that power and recognition must not be their goal. They are to serve and not to be served.

Remind your children that Jesus made it quite clear that a position of authority always comes with a great responsibility.

How do your children think the disciples reacted to Jesus' insistence that authority and leadership imply service?

Discuss the duties/responsibilities of those in authority.

What happens when our leaders expect to be served rather than serve?



A-MAZE-ing



You can serve others right at home!

Write what you will do to serve your family this week.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

October 11, 1884...Eleanor Roosevelt is born. Eleanor grew up to marry Franklin Delano Roosevelt (a distant cousin), who became the 32nd President of the United States. During his time in office and after his death, Eleanor served as an advocate for the poor and for minorities.

October 13, 54 AD...Nero becomes the Roman Emperor. When fire destroyed much of Rome, Nero was blamed for starting the fire to clear land for his projects. To escape blame, Nero blamed the Christians. Many were arrested and killed. The apostles Peter and Paul were probably killed in Rome during this time of persecution.

Let's Talk Around the Table!



- Give each family member a small gift or a piece of candy, but before they have a chance to enjoy or eat them, take them back and put them away.
- Give everyone a simple task which they will all be able to do quickly, such as writing their name on a piece of paper.
- As each person completes his/her task, give back the candy (treasure). Explain that they had to pay a ransom to get their treasure back. Jesus gave his life as a ransom for our sins. What a great price it was!

Pray Today!

Jesus, thank you for loving me so much that you gave your life as a ransom for mine. Help me to follow you faithfully, even when it is difficult. Amen.