**Learn on Your Own**

**Day 1: Buffet Time!**

Review the video for this session.



**Engage**

Read [John 6:1–15](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn6.1-15).

**Consider**

In today’s passage, Jesus performed a miracle when He multiplied a young boy’s lunch of fish and bread to feed a massive crowd. There were five thousand men present, but Jesus likely fed more than double that number. There were women and children there, too. This is not the only time that Jesus performed this type of miracle. He fed thousands of people with just a few fish and loaves of bread twice! See [Matthew 15:29–39](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt15.29-39) for the miracle often known as the Feeding of the Four Thousand.

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| **QUESTION**  Why did the huge crowd follow Jesus? |

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| **QUESTION**  How much food was left over after Jesus’ miracle? |

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| **QUESTION**  How does serving others give you insight into God’s purpose for your life? |

**Reflect**

The young boy’s lunch didn’t seem like much, but it was actually enough for Jesus to meet the crowd’s needs. When we serve others, we tend to dream of huge ways to serve. Maybe Jesus wants you to start small so that He can turn it into more than enough.

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| **QUESTION**  What is one small, simple way that you can serve someone this week? |

**Activate**

Take your answer from above and volunteer in some way at your school or church. Challenge yourself to take on a task you don’t normally do.

**Pray**

Gracious God, I know that You can take what I have and make it more than I ever dreamed. Help me to find opportunities this week to show Your love to others in the way that I serve them. Amen.

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**Day 2: Dead and Useless Faith**

**Engage**

Read [James 2:14–20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jas2.14-20).

**Consider**

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| **QUESTION**  What did James call those he was writing to? What does this tell us about his care and concern for them? |

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| **QUESTION**  What do you think James is teaching that we should do if we see a brother or sister who doesn’t have food or clothing? |

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| **QUESTION**  When does James say our faith is dead and useless? |

**Reflect**

Notice how faith and good deeds work together. To have faith that doesn’t lead to action is dead and useless. Doing good works without having faith doesn’t save anyone. According to James, our faith must lead to taking action if we want to truly follow Jesus’ example.

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| **QUESTION**  How are your actions demonstrating your faith in Christ to others? |

**Activate**

Ask your parents about putting together a care kit of snacks, toiletries, gum, a gift card, a toothbrush, etc. The goal would be to pass it out to someone in need when you’re together as a family.

**Pray**

Caring Father, I want to have a genuine and active faith, not a dead and useless faith. Help me to live out my faith daily with what I say and how I live. Help me to serve others. I ask that Your followers would be known for their service and acts of kindness. Amen.

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**Day 3: Follow in His Footsteps**

**Engage**

Read [John 13:1–17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn13.1-17).

**Consider**

On the night before His death on the Cross, Jesus met with His disciples one last time and surprised them by washing their feet. This task was considered by many to be a job for servants. Think about it. The disciples walked everywhere in open-toed shoes. Talk about gross! Jesus was teaching them the value of servanthood and humility.

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| **QUESTION**  What did Peter say when Jesus knelt to wash his feet? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why did Jesus wash the disciples’ feet? |

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| **QUESTION**  What’s the dirtiest task you have ever done to serve others? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Would others around you consider you a servant? Why or why not? |

**Activate**

This week, find one way to serve someone in your family in a nonglamorous way. Consider something like doing a less desirable chore without complaining.

**Pray**

Holy Savior, thank You for setting the example for how we should live and lead. You served without complaining, so help me to do the same. I love You, Lord. In Your name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 4: God Will Not Forget**

**Engage**

Read [Hebrews 6:9–12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Heb6.9-12).

**Consider**

The writer of Hebrews encouraged followers to continue to do good work for God. One of the ways we do this is through our great love for other believers. God values working hard to love people.

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [10](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Heb6.10), how did they show their love to God? |

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| **QUESTION**  What are some ways you can care for other believers? |

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| **QUESTION**  Does it encourage you to know that God doesn’t forget how hard you work for Him? How so? |

**Reflect**

Notice how they showed their love for God—by caring for other believers. We often talk about serving those who don’t follow Jesus, but it’s just as important for us to serve other Christians, too. According to the writer of Hebrews, it’s evidence that our love for God is real.

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| **QUESTION**  How have you been challenged to serve others this week? |

**Activate**

Reach out to some Christian friends this week just to check on them and see if there is any way that you can help them. Intentionally end the conversation by praying for them.

**Pray**

Faithful God, thank You that Your memory never fails! You always see what I do to serve others, and You do not forget. Help me to serve other believers faithfully as evidence that I love You, because I do love You! In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 5: Gift Exchange**

**Engage**

Read [1 Peter 4:7–11](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe4.7-11).

**Consider**

How do believers remain committed to Jesus when they’re living under intense suffering for their faith? That’s the question that Peter set out to answer in this letter. He wanted his readers to have the same attitude that Jesus had ([1 Peter 4:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe4.1)). That includes serving others, just like you read in yesterday’s Scripture text.

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| **QUESTION**  What did Peter say is most important of all for us to do? |

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| **QUESTION**  For what purpose should believers use their spiritual gifts? |

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| **QUESTION**  What are some of the different gifts that Peter listed in this section? |

**Reflect**

Just like the original audience for Peter’s letter had a variety of spiritual gifts, believers today have spiritual gifts, too. These can be a combination of our personality traits, things that we are naturally good at, or skills that others may see in us. Any of those could be gifts God has shared with you naturally. But God can also give you gifts in supernatural ways too.

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| **QUESTION**  What gifts do you think God has given you to serve others? |

**Activate**

Ask a trusted Christian friend or mentor what gifts they see in you. Talk together about how God might use those gifts to serve others and bring glory to Him.

**Pray**

Gracious God, thank You for the gifts that You have given me, whether I am aware of them yet or not. I don’t want to be selfish with them. I want to use them to serve other people and to bring glory to You. Help me to discover the gifts that You have given me. Amen.

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