

**YOU: Serving God Today!**

**Theme:** What makes a good servant of God?

**Opening Prayer:** *Dear God, Make us a kingdom of priests to serve you. Amen.*  
(taken from Revelation 5 v 10)

**Games:**

**Back-to-back:** 'A good servant is someone who cares enough to notice things.' Organise two teams standing in a straight line, facing each other. Tell the teams to look at the person opposite them for one minute but don't say why. Then sit them down with their backs to their opposite person. The leader can then ask questions about the opposite person in each pair; a correct answer gains a point for the team; any turning to look gives a point away – eyes front at all times. (Questions should be about appearance but be aware of anything too personal, eg. weight, spots etc) *Questions could include, what colour eyes/hair..?, wearing anything in hair, wearing a Kingsquad badge or other badges, wearing something red, blue, green – not a colour of the uniform!* Most correct observations wins.

**Cheat!:** 'A good servant tries to follow Jesus.' Everyone sits in a space on the floor. Choose a person to be 'IT'. They then tag another person who has to chase and tag them back, but the chaser must follow the other person's movements exactly. If they go a different way the others can shout, 'CHEAT!' and they must sit down again. If 'IT' is caught, the chaser becomes the new 'IT'. (Don't leave a chaser too long struggling to catch a fast runner, give a time limit.)

**Memory verse:** "*The believers were walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit."* Acts 9 v 31 This is quite a long verse so try putting actions to the key words (*underlined*) to help the group remember it.

**Introduction:** Play this simple game. Lay out around 20 small objects on a table (*lego bricks, pencils, rubbers*). Two volunteers at a time can play; on each turn, players quickly grab one, two or three objects at a time – their choice. The player who ends up taking the last object loses.

**Story/Quiz:** Use the quiz in the resources to recap on the many servants of God we have looked at. Try to identify the best characteristics of each servant to build a picture of a 'good servant' of God. (see resources)

**Application:** Refer back to the game in the introduction activity. Talk about how easy/hard it was NOT to grab the last object. For some of us it took careful thought. It can be like this in our lives. Our instinct is to grab things for ourselves but we have to learn to share, to serve others and to think of other people. Jesus said that the 'first shall be last and the last shall be first', which is a difficult idea in a world where winning is everything to most people and often means having the most. Reflect on the characteristics of a servant we got from the quiz. Encourage the children to think about how they feel when they do something for someone else when there is nothing in it for themselves.

**Prayer:** Use the list of servant characteristics from the quiz. Encourage the children to ask God to help them be more..... (*choose a characteristic*)

**Resources:** Funsheet, Quiz, 'Good Servant' list

**Song:** 'I Will Walk (Captain of my Soul)' – Dave Cooke