

# Lesson: Remembering Our Waiter and Waitress

## Lesson

### **Ask:**

- Did you know that Jesus said that we all need to be servants if we want to be great?

**Read:** Mark 10:42-45 (NIV) “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be free must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### **Say:**

- When we are doing things for other people, we are showing kindness just like Jesus did.
- When we make time for other people, we are showing them that they are important to us.
- When we take our time to provide for the needs of others, we are great in God’s eyes!

### **Ask:**

- Would you rather be sitting at a table in a restaurant, or being a waiter or waitress in one?
- Did you know that Jesus talks about this?

**Read:** Luke 22:26, 27 (NIV) “But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? It is not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”

### **Say:**

- Jesus is saying that if we want to be great LIKE HIM, we need to serve like HIM.
- We don’t need to try to be great in the world’s eyes.
- We need to try to be great in God’s eyes.

### **Ask:** *Allow time for answers.*

- What are some other servant jobs that people have that help others, or serve others? *Examples are: policeman, fireman, doctor, nurse, minister, teacher, waiter, waitress, mailman, cashier at store, hair stylist, etc.*

### **Say:**

- Serving other people is a tough thing to do because you give a lot of yourself when you serve others.
- We need to try to remember to let them know we appreciate their service.

### **Ask:** *Allow time for answers.*

- What are some ways we could show our appreciation to people that serve us?
- Do you think saying “Thank you” would be good?
- Do you think they would appreciate hearing that they are doing a good job?
- What if you told them that you were going to pray for them at bedtime tonight?

### **Say:**

- We all like to be appreciated.
- It is nice to let other people know that we appreciate all of the things that they do to serve other people.

**Final Thought:** What other people think is great is not the same thing that God thinks is great. When we see someone serving others in the restaurant, at the doctor’s office, the hair salon, or the emergency vehicle driving down the road, remember that they are serving others. They are doing what Jesus wants us all to do. Let’s remember to let them know that we appreciate them and their work.

# Activities: Remembering Our Waiter and Waitress

## Craft: Reminder Rocks

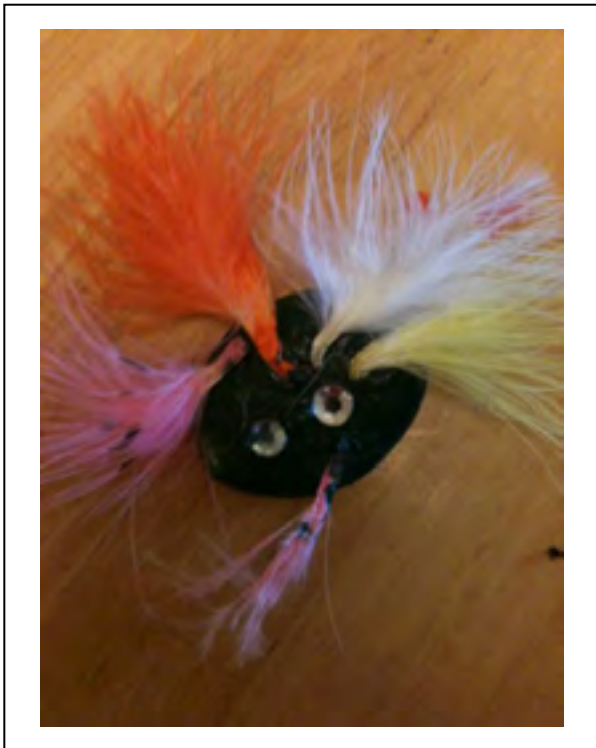
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### **Items Needed:**

- General: Paint Brushes and Craft Paint
- Per Child: 1 Small Rock

### **Instructions:**

- Give each child one small rock, a paint brush, and some craft paint.
- Ask them to paint their rock with something that says “thank you,” “good job,” “I appreciate you,” or something else to let someone know that they are appreciated.
- They can paint the words on their rock or draw an image such as a smiley face.
- Let them know that their rock is to be given to someone who serves them.
- When they give the rock away, they are to let that person know that the rock is a reminder for them that:
  - we appreciate them,
  - we will pray for them,
  - that serving other people makes us great in God’s eyes.



Addison’s Reminder Rock

## Indoor Activity: Eating Out

### **Items Needed:**

- General: Snacks, Drinks, Plates or Napkins, and Cups

### **Instructions:**

- Ask for volunteers.
- Have the volunteers be the waiters and waitresses for the other children.
- These children will pass out the plates, cups, and food to the children who are sitting down.
- The teacher may need to serve the drink, depending on the children’s ages.
- Remind the children that are sitting down being served to thank the waiters and waitresses and show appreciation for their work.
- When everyone has been served, ask the volunteers to sit down and the teacher can then serve them.

## Outdoor Activity: Serving Others

### **Instructions:**

- The children will act out different jobs in this activity.
- Let the children know that there are many jobs people have that allow them to serve other people.
- They are to think of some servant jobs to act out either individually or as a group.
- They are to think of a skit (a short funny play) to act out.
- They can use sticks, leaves, and other things from outside as props for their skits.
- If the children are gifted in this, you could ask your church leaders if they could act it out for the congregation during the service so they can serve others by doing their skit.