

“#SelfieSwitch”

Week 1: 9-11 Years Old KIDS CREWS

VIRTUE: God's Created Us With a Special Identity

MAIN POINT: God Made Me to Encourage

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 139:14, “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

BIBLE STORY: Moses Encourages God's People, Exodus 14:8-14, 21-29

WELCOME: “Hey Legends! My name is _____ and I am your Kids Crew Leader! As Kids Crew we will hang out together during VOUS Kids, hear stories from the Bible, learn what it means to live for Jesus, and play games!

CONNECT ACTIVITY:

- Have kids seat in a circle, say their name, and share their favorite summertime activity.

BIBLE STORY ACTIVITY:

SUPPLIES:

- Pens/markers
- Compliment sheet

DIRECTIONS:

In this activity, we will have the kids encourage and honor each other. Each kid should receive a writing too and a compliment sheet.

SAY: “One of our values here at VOUS and in VOUS Kids is to HONOR. We believe honor is our calling. Today's story focused in on being an encourager rather than using negative talk. We will be discussing what being a encourager means and what it looks like.”

ASK: “Who can give us an example of words we can use to encourage and honor each other?” Have kids take turns sharing.

ASK: “How do you feel when people use these words to encourage you?”

NOTE: If appropriate, make the distinction between character vs. appearance compliments.

SAY: "Now we are going to practice using encouraging words and honoring each other. Everyone will write an encouraging message to each person in our crew on their compliment sheet to take home."

Directions:

- Each kid gets a piece of paper and writes their own name on the top of it.
- On the paper there will be 10 blank lines. As the kids pass the paper to their right, they will write one encouraging phrase or honor on a line.
- Keep passing until each kid receives the paper with their name on it.
- Please participate in the activity to model what it looks like.

SAY: "Does anyone want to share any compliments they received, which made you feel good?" Maybe start by sharing one from your sheet.

SAY: "God has made us to be encouragers and by being an encourager we share His love. We need to continue to do this outside of VOUS Kids so please think of someone this week you can encourage and follow through with it."

VOUS KIDS HONOR:

(Each crew leader needs to pick one kid who stood out from the rest in their crews)

SAY: Before we move on we want to take a minute to recognize a kid who stood out during crew. Here in VOUS Kids, honor is our calling. We honor up, we honor down, we honor all around! So right now we want to take the time to honor some of those who have gone above and beyond!

(Take this time to mention the child who you will honor and allow the crew to give him a round of applause. Crew leader take time to speak life over the child)

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS:

SAY: Each time we gather we like to take some time to share any praise reports and prayer requests.

(Pass out Praise & Prayer cards and pens)

Praise Reports: Praise reports are things you are grateful for. Maybe you've been praying for something and God has answered your prayers. Or maybe something amazing happened this week that you want to thank God for.

Prayer Requests: Prayer Requests are things we want to ask God for. Maybe there is a friend or family member that you want to pray for. Or maybe you're facing something that seems too big to handle by yourself.

Does anyone have any praise request & prayer requests they would like to share out loud? *(Allow kids to respond)*

END THIS TIME IN PRAYER TOGETHER

(Collect the Praise & Prayer cards and place in folder)