



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for February 20, 2011  
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**"Jesus Came to Serve"**

**Lesson Text:** Mark 10:35-45

**Background Scripture:** Mark 10:35-45

**Memory Verse:** "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

**Mark 10:35-45**

**35** And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

**36** And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

**37** They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

**38** But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

**39** And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

**40** But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

**41** And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

**42** But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

**43** But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

**44** And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

**45** For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**TEACHER'S NOTES**

"Whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all" (Mark 10:44). Jesus' words were not just for James and John. They are a practical guideline for Christian living. He wants His people to serve the needs of others, not expect others to serve them. Believers are in this world not to get but to give.

We may not desire to be considered "great," as James and John did. What we do want is to hear Jesus say to us one day, "Well done." According to this Scripture, a life spent in the service of others will bring that commendation.

By teaching this lesson, you are once again seed planting—hiding in the fertile soil of a child's mind truth for God to make grow.

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach that the one who focuses on meeting others' needs is the one who is great in God's eyes.

**TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. James and John wanted to be important in the wrong way.
2. Jesus taught that it was serving the needs of others that made a person important in God's sight.

**PLANNING VISUAL AIDS**

For Beginning the Lesson, make a sign reading "Important."

For Telling the Lesson, have pictures of the disciples with Jesus, James, and John, a throne, and the disciples alone. Bring "Important" sign made for Beginning the Lesson.

For Helping to Remember, each pupil will need a sheet of white paper, an envelope, and crayons.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student (located at the end of this lesson).

**BEGINNING THE LESSON**

Judy's Sunday school class was going to put on a play about Queen Esther. She knew the queen was the most important person in the play. (Stand up "Important.") Judy wanted to be queen.

Judy and their teacher were good friends; so she asked Mrs. Parr, "Would you let me be the queen? I would make a good queen."

Mrs. Parr patted Judy on the shoulder and said kindly, "Someone else will be queen, Judy. But your part is going to help make the whole play a good one. And that is even more important than being queen." (Point to "Important.")

One day two of Jesus' friends wanted Him to make them look important.

**TELLING THE LESSON**

Jesus and His friends were walking along the road one day. He was talking about some things that would soon happen to Him. (Show disciples with Jesus.) He said His enemies would hurt Him and even kill Him. He promised He would live again.

James and John were not really listening. They were thinking about something they wanted when Jesus was King. (Show James and John.) So they went to Him and said, "We want You to do something for us."

"What do you want Me to do?" Jesus asked.

"When You are sitting on Your throne, let us sit in chairs on each side of You." (Show throne.)

Now, why would James and John want that? Well, sitting beside the King would make people think they must be very important. (Point to "Important.") Only important people got to sit beside a king.

Jesus told them, "Those places beside Me are being saved for the people God wants to sit there."

When Jesus' other friends heard what James and John had asked for themselves, they were very unhappy with both of them. (Show disciples.) Maybe *they* wanted to sit beside King Jesus and look important.

Jesus knew what they were thinking, and He called all twelve of them together for a meeting. (Show disciples.) He said something like this: "You know how it is with kings. They rule over others. They tell people what they must do. Others have to do things for them."

Then Jesus said, "But that is not the way it should be with you. The one who is important among My friends is not the person who tries to get others to do things for him. The really important one is the one who does what is good for others. (Point to "Important.") That is why I came—not to have others do for Me but to do something for them. I came to give My life to pay for the wrong others have done."

The words in the Bible say it like this: Jesus "came not to be ministered unto" (Mark 10:45). (Read from your Bible.) Jesus did not come so that people would do something for Him. Jesus came "to minister," to do something for others. And you know what He did for others. He died to take away our sins. That is why God has made Jesus the most important one of all. (Point to "Important.")

Jesus was telling us that the way to be truly important is to do what we can to help other people.

Did you hear what Jesus said? The people God calls important are the people who look at others and think, *What does this other person need most?* Then they do what they can to help. That is what ministering to other people means. It is what Jesus did.

## **TELLING HOW TO LIVE**

Sometimes what people need is a friend, or to hear some kind words, or to get help with what they are doing, or to receive an invitation to Sunday school, or to have somebody to pray for them. Let us close our eyes now. Quietly ask Jesus to make *you* see what others need and how to help.

## **HELPING TO REMEMBER**

Ask each child to write a letter to a family member: "Dear\_\_\_\_, Ask me how you can be important Jesus' way." They should print the recipient's name on the envelope and seal their letter inside.

## **EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE**

**"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).**

"Minister" here is not someone who preaches in a church. To "minister" means to do something good for someone else. Another name for Jesus is "Son of man." Jesus came to earth not so that people would do something for Him but so that He could do something for people. That something was dying on the cross to pay for the wrong things we have done.

## **CONCLUSION**

To help children begin to understand that serving is more important than having power over others.

## **PRAYER**

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for coming to serve us. Please help us to follow Your example by serving others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON**

In next week's lesson, "**Jesus Will Come Again!**" Jesus told His disciples that someday He would return to earth in great power and glory. Study Mark 13:14-27.

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## WORD SEARCH

### "Jesus Came to Serve" (Mark 10:35-45)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

ASK

CUP

DRINK

HEARD

JOHN

MINISTER

RIGHT

AUTHORITY

DESIRE

GIVE

JAMES

LEFT

PREPARED

RULE

BAPTIZED

DISPLEASED

GLORY

JESUS

MANY

RANSOM

SERVANT

B M Z T D P P N C Q U T W C K  
G G O R Z A W P H D J F U E M  
Y R I S K A R B E O S E X G I  
Q N U X N E Z S A S J L Y L N  
K V I N P A A G P P A V O O I  
J K P A A E R H M X T R Q R S  
U E R H L A U T H O R I T Y T  
A E S P T N A V R E S T Z S E  
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J E B V R I G H T J L C K D A  
Z D I O B M E N U R U E U M O  
N G G G X V N B V P E E H A E  
S H I U M J M A N Y N G E E J

21 words were placed into the puzzle.

## WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

### "Jesus Came to Serve" (Mark 10:35-45)

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+ N + + N E + S A + J L + L N  
K + + + P A A + + P + + + O I  
J + + A + E R + + + T + + R S  
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+ E S P T N A V R E S + Z S E  
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(Over, Down, Direction)

ASK (13, 10, S)

AUTHORITY (6, 7, E)

BAPTIZED (8, 3, SE)

CUP (12, 12, SW)

DESIRE (2, 13, N)

DISPLEASED (1, 11, NE)

DRINK (5, 1, SW)

GIVE (2, 14, NE)

GLORY (14, 3, S)

HEARD (12, 9, W)

JAMES (10, 12, NE)

JESUS (1, 6, SE)

JOHN (11, 4, NW)

LEFT (12, 4, N)

MANY (7, 15, E)

MINISTER (15, 2, S)

PREPARED (8, 2, SW)

RANSOM (7, 6, NW)

RIGHT (5, 12, E)

RULE (9, 10, SE)

SERVANT (11, 8, W)