



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for August 8, 2010  
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**"Serving Others"**

**Lesson Text:** Philippians 2:1-13

**Background Scripture:** Philippians 2:1 - 3:1

**Memory Verse:** "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. 2:4).

**Philippians 2:1-13**

- 1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
- 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
- 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW**

Teach that God wants all His children to pursue not just what is good for themselves but what is good for other people.

## **TRUTHS TO STRESS**

- 1.** Serving others means doing the things that help other people get what they need.
- 2.** When we serve others, we please God.
- 3.** Our example is Jesus, who came into the world and died so that we could have what we needed.

## **TEACHER'S NOTES**

**Time:** A.D. 61

**Place:** from Rome

This week's memory verse (Philippians 2:4) sums up the message of Philippians 2, and the basic meaning of the word used for "look. . . on" throws much light on what the verse is urging every believer to do. "Look... on" here is related to a word meaning to take aim at. Thus, we are being told to focus on, press toward, make an effort to achieve, and have as our goal the getting of, what is good for others and not merely for ourselves.

Jesus Christ is the supreme example of one who did that. He deliberately deprived Himself of position and honor, took on human form, and suffered humiliation and death in order to give His life for the benefit of others.

In Philippians 2, Paul was telling us to consider Jesus. He devoted His life to doing what brought benefit to others. Now you do the same. Make your goal the betterment of the people God sends across your path. As you do that, you can count on Him to be working in you to accomplish what He wants done.

## **PLANNING LESSON AIDS**

For Telling the Lesson, you will need a picture of Paul and a red cross. Make a colored cardboard sign, printing "Me" in large letters on the front and "Others" on the back.

For Helping to Remember, for each student take a half sheet of blue construction paper, four 2-inch hearts drawn on white paper, two drinking straws cut in half, safety scissors, crayons, and glue.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student.

## **BEGINNING THE LESSON**

David was grumbling. The mailman had brought a letter for Dad, a letter for Mom, and a magazine for his sister. But there was nothing for David. "Why does nobody ever send *me* a letter?"

"Oh, but somebody has," Mom said.

David looked around. "Where?"

Mom reached for her Bible and held it up. "Right here. The Bible is God's letter to you. It is full of news too. It tells things that have happened. It tells things that will happen. And it tells what to do to please God. Do you remember last week's Sunday school lesson?"

David's mother opened the Bible and showed him the verse we are going to talk about right now.

## **TELLING THE LESSON**

(Show Paul.) Paul had just told Jesus' followers in Philippi to keep living in a way that fit with being God's children. Now he began telling them how to do that.

Paul said, "Do not be selfish." "Selfish" means thinking just about ourselves and how to get what we want. People are selfish when they think just about me, me, me. (Show "Me,") Instead of thinking only about "me," Paul said we should start thinking of what would be good for other people. (Hold up "Others.") He told them that when they could, they should help those others have what they need. Paul said it like this: "Do not look after just your own interests (show "Me") but also look after the interests of others." (Show "Others.")

Jesus used different words, but He said basically the same thing. He said, "Love one another" (John 13:34). You know that Bible loving means helping somebody else get something he needs. (Show "Others.")

Jesus Himself did that. He is a good example for us. He saw that we needed our sins taken away. (Show "Others.") He saw that we needed life that lasts forever. He saw that we needed a home in heaven. And He did something to help. (Show cross.)

Jesus is God. No one can be more important than He is. But Jesus was willing to come to earth and not look important for a while so that He could die for us.

Jesus was punished for all the bad things we have done. (Show cross.) When people believe that, God takes their sins away and gives them forever life, and they will live with Him in heaven someday. God was pleased with what Jesus did for others. (Show "Others.")

Today Jesus is back in His important place in heaven. Someday everybody is going to say, "Yes, Jesus is Lord," all because He took care of others (show "Others") instead of Himself. He saw what we needed done, and He did it for us.

Paul was really saying to the Philippians, "Be like Jesus. Be interested in others. (Show "Others.") Think of what *they* need. Think of how you might help them have what they need. Then do it, and you will please the Lord."

## **TELLING HOW TO LIVE**

Looking after the interests of others means sharing, but it means more than sharing. People need different things. Sometimes they need food or clothes, but sometimes they just need help with something they are doing, or they need somebody to pray for them. Sometimes what people need most is a friendly smile. If you do what you can to help others have whatever it is they need, you will please the Lord.

## **HELPING TO REMEMBER**

Tell the children they will make a little forest to remind themselves of things other people need. Have them print on the hearts "Share," "Help," "Smile," and "Pray." They should color the area around the words green. Then cut out the hearts, and glue a row of heart-trees across their blue paper, using the short drinking straws as the trunks. They can color the base of the trees brown.

## **EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT**

**"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:4)**

Think about not only what will be good for you but also what will be good for others. Then try to make those things happen for them.

## **CONCLUSION**

As believers, we have a genuine example of how we are to serve others. Paul explains how Jesus left the glories of heaven to enter into human life. He did this to serve others in humble obedience to God.

Jesus came into the world as a servant. We also should be servants, and the example that we are to follow is Jesus!

## **PRAYER**

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be an example for us. Help us to be like Him in our service to others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON**

Next week's lesson is "Look Ahead" and encourages us to do our best to please Jesus throughout our lives, like a runner doing his best to win a race. Study Philippians 3:1 - 4:1.

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## WORD SEARCH

### "Serving Others" (Philippians 2:1-13)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

JOY	SMILE	UNSELFISH	SHARE
EXAMPLE	OTHERS	KIND	PHILIPPIANS
PLEASE	SERVE	CROSS	GOOD
HELP	PRAY	LOVE	FRIENDLY

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## SOLUTION TO WORD SEARCH

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