

**Need to Know:****I Can**

(thumbs to chest)

**Be a Leader**

(salute)

**Who Includes Others!**

("come here" gesture with arm)

**Bible Story:****Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall**

Nehemiah 1-3, 4:1-6, 6:15-16, 12:27&amp;43

**Materials:**

- [God's Story for Me Bible](#)
- [Puzzle Cards](#) (divided in two sets)
- [Puzzle Guide](#)
- [Question Sheet](#)
- [Hand Sanitizer](#)
- [Marshmallows](#)
- [Coloring Sheets](#)
- [Crayons](#)
- [Filler Guide](#)

**Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)**

Materials: None

**INTRODUCE** yourself by saying:

*Hey! My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm so glad all of you are here today! We get to hang out at Camp Wannastay and learn how we can be leaders who set the example for others!*

*One way we can set a good example is by including others! Let's go around the circle. When it's your turn, tell us your name and what YOU would rather be included in, a giant food fight or tug-of-war?*

After each kid has had a turn, **SAY**:

*It wouldn't be any fun to be left out of those things! No one likes being left out. One person who was always including others was Jesus! When we follow His example, we can be leaders who include others, too!*

*That's what we need to know today! Say this after me!*

**I Can** (thumbs to chest)**Be a Leader** (salute)**Who Includes Others!** ("come here" gesture with arm)**Bible Story (6 minutes)**Materials: [God's Story for Me Bible](#)**READ** pages 226-229 from the [God's Story for Me Bible](#).After the story, **ASK**:

1. **What was Nehemiah the leader of, rebuilding the wall or a huge pillow fight?** (Rebuilding the wall)
2. **When Nehemiah decided to rebuild the wall, did he leave others out or include them?** (He included them!)
3. **Leaders set the example for others by doing the right thing. If you see someone being left out, should you leave him out too, or be a leader and include him?** (Be a leader and include him!)

*Right! We can all be leaders who include others! That's what we need to know today. Say it with me!*

**I Can** (thumbs to chest)**Be a Leader** (salute)**Who Includes Others!** ("come here" gesture with arm)**ASK** kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Have them repeat after you as you **PRAY**:

*Dear Jesus, thank you for setting the PERFECT example of including others! Make us more like you so we can be leaders who include others, too! We love you! Amen.*

## Application Activity Summary:

Kids will split up into teams and race to put their puzzles together. They will see that they can't complete their puzzle unless they include the other team. Then, they will look for hidden pictures in the puzzle that correspond to related questions.

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## Memory Verse:

**"Don't let anyone make fun of you,**  
(shake head "no")

**just because you are young.**  
(pat head)

**Set an example**  
(hands out to sides, palms up)

**for other followers by what you say**  
(cup hands around mouth)

**and do."**  
(pound fists on top of each other)

**1 Timothy 4:12a**  
(hold up one finger)

## Review Questions:

1. **What did Sponge learn during the Cabin Cleaning Competition in Large Group today?** (It's better to include others!)

2. **What do we need to know today?** (I Can Be a Leader Who Includes Others!)

## Application Activity (8 minutes)

**Materials:** **Puzzle Cards** (divided in two sets), **Puzzle Guide**, **Question Sheet**, **Hand Sanitizer**, **Marshmallows**

1. Divide your group into two teams, and give each team a set of **Puzzle Cards**.
  - Do not tell kids, but neither team will be able to complete their puzzle.
2. Instruct teams to race to put their puzzles together.
3. After they realize they can't complete their puzzles, start reading from the **Question Sheet**.
4. Afterwards, **Sanitize** hands, reward kids with **SIX Marshmallows** each for including each other to finish the puzzle, and **SAY**:

**Were you guys able to finish the puzzle before you included each other? (No!) But once you did, you got to have fun finishing the puzzle and finding the hidden pictures in it! Life is way more fun when we include others! And we can all be leaders who set that example!**

**That's what we need to know today! Say it with me!**

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## Wrap It Up (3 minutes)

**Materials:** **Coloring Sheets**, **Crayons**, **Filler Guide**

**REVIEW** the Memory Verse and motions (on left) with your group by saying it together.

**PASS OUT coloring sheets & crayons.** While kids are coloring, **ASK** the Review Questions on the left.

**USE Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group.