

**Need to Know:**

*I Can Be a Leader
Who Celebrates Others!*

Bible Story:

David & Jonathan

1 Samuel 15, 16, 18 &
20; 2 Samuel 9

Materials:

- Award Sheets
- Writing Utensils
- Award Labels
- Bible Story Page
- Tissue Paper
- Small Candy
- Word Searches
- Hand Sanitizer
- Filler Guide

Get Their Attention! (6 minutes)

Materials: Award Sheets, Writing Utensils, Award Labels

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 great way to set an example is by celebrating others instead of being jealous of them. All of you can be that type of leader, and that's what we need to know today! Say it with me!

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We can celebrate different things about different people. I'm going to give each of you an award sheet. Then, we're going to decide who gets each award!

ALLOW each child to share his name as you hand him an **Award Sheet**.

- Have each child **write** his name on his **award sheet**.

Then, **READ** each **Award Label**, letting the group decide who gets each award.

- Each kid should get one award.
- Two kids can get the same award.
- Have the rest of the group celebrate whenever someone is given an award.

Bible Story (6 minutes)

Materials: Bible Story Page, Tissue Paper

READ and **FOLLOW** the instructions on the **Bible Story Page**. Then, **ASK**:

1. **How did Saul feel about David becoming King?** (He was jealous.)
2. **How did Jonathan feel about it?** (He was happy for David. He celebrated him!)
3. **Did God reward Jonathan for celebrating David?** (Yes!) **Yes He did! How did God reward Jonathan?** (God made sure that Jonathan's son was taken care of after Jonathan died!)
4. **When good things happen to other people, do we have to be jealous of them, or can we be leaders who celebrate them?** (We can be leaders who celebrate them!) **Whose help do we need to be those types of leaders?** (Jesus'!)

Right! When we follow Jesus, he makes us into leaders who celebrate others! And that's what we need to know today! Say it with me!

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ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Have them repeat after you as you **PRAY**:

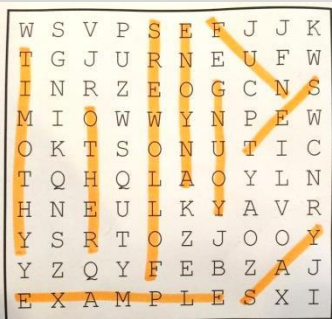
Dear Jesus, help us be leaders who celebrate others instead of being jealous! We love you! Amen.

Application Activity

Summary:

Kids will divide into teams and race to complete a word search and the series Memory Verse! The losing team will give the winning team their candy to celebrate them. You will then give the losing team another piece of candy to reward them for celebrating others!

Answer Key:



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Memory Verse:

"Don't let anyone make fun of you, just because you are young. Set an example for other followers by what you say and do."

1 Timothy 4:12a

Application Activity (6 minutes)

Materials: Small Candy, Word Searches, Writing Utensils, Hand Sanitizer

1. Give each kid a piece of **small candy**, but tell them they can't eat it yet.
2. Pass out **word searches** and **writing utensils**.
3. Divide your group into two teams.
4. Instruct kids to work together with their teammates as they race to complete the **word search** and Memory Verse before the other team. The first team to correctly complete both wins!
5. Instruct the losing team to celebrate the winning team by giving their piece of **candy** to a member of the opposing team.
6. After the losing team has celebrated the winning team, reward each member of the losing team with another piece of **candy** for celebrating others!
7. **SANITIZE** hands and allow kids to eat their candy.

Then, **SAY**:

I'm proud of you guys for celebrating the winning team! You gave them your candy just like Jonathan gave his robe, armor, sword, and belt to David!

And just like Jonathan was rewarded for celebrating David, YOU were rewarded for celebrating the winning team! You guys are already becoming leaders who celebrate others!

Next week, you are going to get a really cool prize for knowing the verse that's on your word search! You can take yours home to practice our verse some more between now and then!

Wrap It Up (2 minutes)

Materials: Filler Guide

ASK:

1. *In Large Group, was Sponge jealous at first that Stir Fry won the torch?* (Yes!)
2. *But then Sponge remembered something. Here's a hint: It's what we need to know today! What did Sponge remember?* (I Can Be a Leader Who Celebrates Others!)
3. *What are some ways you can celebrate others?* (Tell the winning team "good game", cheer for people, give high-fives, etc.)
4. *Does being jealous make us feel better?* (No!) *Right! It feels way better when we are happy for others and celebrate them!*

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