

Reach Out, I'll Be There

Bible Story: Reach Out, I'll Be There (Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius) • Acts 10

Bottom Line: Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.

Memory Verse: *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.* Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)

Life App: Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

2nd and 3rd Grade Family Discussion

Simple Acts

What You Need: Personal-size tissues, plastic cups, water, thick watercolor markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a folded tissue. (If you're using regular-size tissues, instruct kids to fold the tissue in half, horizontally, then fold it into thirds, vertically.)
- Ask the kids to keep the tissue folded.
- Instruct them to use a thick watercolor marker to draw a fat line on the tissue, about half an inch from the bottom.
- Then, ask kids to flip the tissue over to the other side and repeat the process using the same watercolor marker.
- Instruct them to carefully open the tissue and make sure that the ink bled through all of the layers, forming one long line.
- Then, they refold the tissue.
- Next, give each kid a plastic cup filled about one-third of the way with water.
- Encourage the kids to follow you as you demonstrate how to gradually insert the tissue into the water just to the marker line. Watch as the marker color runs up the tissue.
- *NOTE: To see a demonstration of this experiment, go to <http://bit.ly/2urepOT> at 3:13 minutes.*

What You Say:

"It was amazing how a simple line drawn on the tissue changed how the entire tissue looked! In the same way, **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.** When you know Jesus and His story, you understand that Jesus is for everyone, not just certain people. God made each and every person on earth, and He sent Jesus for each of those people, too.

"When we learn to see people like Jesus does, we can speak up for them and show them love, no matter if they are just like us or if they're super different from us. This might mean being kind to someone who gets on your nerves. It might mean sharing your toys with your sibling or helping a stranger by opening a door for them at a store. There are LOTS of ways you can show love to others."

[Make it Personal] *(Share about a time when God changed how you responded to someone who was different than you or someone who got on your nerves, because He changed how you saw them or because you became more aware that they are made in God's image, too.)*