

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus uses His power to serve others. We should to.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks
- Sticky Notes (provided)
- Crown Keychains (provided)



optional icebreaker: king, knight, sword.

INSTRUCTIONS: This game is similar to Rock, Paper, Scissors, except the King beats the Knight, the Knight beats the Sword, and the Sword beats the King. Have your students get into pairs and stand back-to-back. Count down 3, 2, 1. On 1, students turn around and do a pose for either King, Knight, or Sword. Pose for King: hands on head to make a crown. Pose for Knight: hold an imaginary shield in front of face. Pose for Sword: stand straight with hands clasped above head. The loser is out and sits down. The winner moves onto the next round with a new partner. Continue playing until there is one winner.

hear from God through His Word.

DO THIS: Read **Philippians 2:5-11** as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passage using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to **Philippians 2:5-11** and then have someone read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *How does this verse describe the kind of king Jesus is? How does He use His power and influence?*
- **ASK:** *What does this description of Jesus tell us about Him?*
- **ASK:** *This passage talks about Jesus' humility. What does it mean to be humble? Why is Jesus showing humility surprising?*

watch the "A Different Way" week 1 video.

talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a conversation about using our influence and power using the questions on the next page.



- **ASK:** Have you ever been in a position where you had influence? What was that like?
- **ASK:** Have you ever experienced someone using their influence to benefit someone else? (**Leader Note:** Think of an example from your life and share with your students.)
- **ASK:** How do you think the way that Jesus used His power and influence is different from how most people use their influence?

say this:
Everyone has influence. No matter the amount we have, we can all choose how we use our influence. Jesus wants us to use our influence with humility and to point others towards Him.

DO THIS: Lead your students in an activity getting them to think about the influence they have using the **Sticky Notes** from your leader tub.

- Give each of your students three **Sticky Notes**. Then tell them to write an area of their life where they have influence on each sticky note (ex. sports team, friend group, club, family, etc.)
- When they've finished writing, tell them to put their sticky notes on the wall. Then, read each of the notes out loud.
- **ASK:** How can you use your influence in each of these places like Jesus?

pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a time of praying through Philippians 2:6-11 using the prompt below and their **Student Notebooks**.

- Spend a few minutes praying through Philippians 2:6-11 on your own. As you read each verse, write down a prayer to God inspired by that verse in your **Student Notebook**. For example, turn verse 7 into this prayer: "Jesus, thank You for giving up your divine privileges."

live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give each of your students a **Crown Keychain** from your series kit as a takeaway.

- **SAY THIS:** Put this keychain on your backpack or somewhere else you will see it often. When you look at it, let it remind you to use your influence like Jesus: to serve others in humility rather than for your own benefit.



memory verse

"⁹ Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11