

Day 4

Saved to Serve

Bible Text

John 13:1-17, 34-35 (Jesus' Washing of the Disciples' Feet)

Creative Hands

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Materials

Cardstock or tagboard, pencil, fine-point markers in red, brown, and black, scissors. People in India often paint their hands with intricate and beautiful designs for special occasions. They use a dye called henna. We can decorate a hand design to remind us of all the things we do with our hands to be kind and in service to others.

Using a pencil, trace the outline of your hand on the paper. Fill the paper hand with swirls, circles, dots, and shapes. Some shapes may be filled in, and others, left open, creating an original design. Cut out the finished hand. Encourage campers to keep it somewhere where it can remind them of our call to servanthood: their Bible, a window, a bulletin board, and so on.

The Ultimate Sign

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Materials

Small stones, thin-tipped permanent markers, thin silver or gold jewelry wire, leather or cotton fabric cording.

When Jesus chose to die on the cross for us, he gave us the ultimate sign of servanthood. Provide a rock or stone for each camper. If there is an area for campers to gather and choose their own stones, have them choose one that is round or oval, smooth, and about one inch by one inch (2.5 by 2.5 cm). Instruct campers to draw the symbol of the cross on the top, smooth surface of their stones. Campers may choose to use multicolors and create an elaborate cross, or they may choose to draw a simple, plain cross. If they choose, campers can write a word on the back of their stones, such as Jesus, Faith, Servant, Call, or Saved.

After the stone is decorated, cut six inches (15.24 cm) of wire for each camper.

Demonstrate wrapping the wire around the stone, both vertically and horizontally.

Enough room between the stone and the wire at the top of the stone (top of the cross) should be left in order to slide the jewelry cord through.

Provide each camper with about three feet of jewelry cording. They should thread the cording through the wire at the top of the stone, creating a pendant.

The ends of the cording can be tied in an overhand knot to create a necklace.

Vinyl Bowl

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Materials

Large round labels, markers, oven mitts (one set for each camper), oven-safe bowl, vinyl records.

Preheat an oven to 210 degrees. Place the record on the top of the oven-safe bowl. Place the bowl and record in the oven for five minutes. The record will become soft and start to

droop into the bowl. With oven mitts on, remove the bowl and quickly work to shape the record into the bowl to form a dish. You have to work really quickly during this step as it will cool very quickly. If necessary, reheat and shape the bowl again. Have campers decorate the round label with scripture verses and pictures (*cross, hands, heart*) to remind them of the daily theme, *Saved to Serve*. Place the labels in the bottom center of the bowl in place of the record label.

Prayer Cross

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Materials

Large wooden cross (8 to 10 feet [2.4 to 3 m] tall), permanent markers.

Place a large cross in a prominent location on camp land. Invite campers to add prayers, faith drawings, and favorite scriptures on the cross throughout the day. At the end of the day, display the cross near the evening worship site for all to see as a lasting reminder of God's action through Christ's death on the cross. Remind campers that we have been saved, by Jesus' death on the cross, to step out in service.

Decoupage Offering Jar

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Materials

Assorted wire (armature wire, paddle wire, floral wire, 18 gauge bare copper wire) needle-nose pliers, wire cutters, wooden or plastic beads, wooden planks to create a base, sandpaper, drill and small drill bits, hot glue gun, felt.

Have the campers look through the magazines and choose one or more pictures and/or words from the magazine that inspire them in their call to serve others. To create the offering jar, use the sponge to apply decoupage medium to the outside of the jar and to one side of the tissue paper. Decoupage the tissue paper onto the jar to create a background; then decoupage the materials on top of the tissue paper as desired. To finish, apply a coat of decoupage medium over the entire jar. Suggest to the campers that one way to use the jar when they return home is use it as a collection jar for gathering offerings for a designated cause (world hunger, disaster relief, their local food bank, and so on).

Wired to Be Servants of the Cross

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Materials

Assorted wire (armature wire, paddle wire, floral wire, 18 gauge bare copper wire) needle-nose pliers, wire cutters, wooden or plastic beads, wooden planks to create a base, sandpaper, drill and small drill bits, hot glue gun, felt.

Use the wires to create a three-dimensional sculpture of a cross. Use the armature wire to form the basic outline, and "fill in" as desired with additional wire. Campers may string wooden or plastic beads on the cross. Attach the wire sculpture to a wooden base by drilling holes, securing the wire through the holes, and using a hot-glue gun. Glue a piece of felt to the underside of the wooden base. Campers may paint or write a Bible verse of their choosing on the base of the cross.