



# Humans (Me and You!)

## 1 | Hangout

### SUPPLIES

- Measuring tape
- Timer
- Stackable items (e.g., plastic cups or tubs, boxes, wooden or plastic blocks)

### LEADER TIP

- If your group has three or fewer kids in it, encourage them to work as one team. If you have four or more kids in your group, divide them into two teams.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Challenge the team members to work together to make the tallest tower possible in one minute.
- Set your timer and count down, "Three, two, one, GO!"
- When the minute is up, help the kids measure the towers. If you have one team, celebrate their work, and challenge them to build an even taller tower. If you have two teams, celebrate the winners! Continue trying to build taller towers as long as there is interest.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **God invites us to join his team.**
- Discuss: What does it mean to be on God's team?
- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

## 2 | Hear

### SUPPLIES

- Bible

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Let the kids know that some parents bring their children to Jesus in today's God Story. His disciples think the children are bothering him. Jesus has something surprising to say that helps everyone understand more about who belongs on God's team!
- Look up Matthew 19:13-15 and read about Jesus and the children.
- Review and discuss:
  - What did Jesus say to his disciples when they told the parents that the children were bothering him? ("Let the children come to me." NLT)
  - Who does the Kingdom of God belong to? (Those who are like children)
  - What did Jesus do after he said this? (Placed his hands on the kids' heads and blessed them)
  - According to Jesus, who is on God's team? (Kids!)
  - Does Jesus want kids to come to him? (Yes!)
  - What would you do or ask Jesus if you were there that day?
  - How can we come to Jesus, when we can't see him like the kids in the story? (e.g., we can say yes to Jesus being the Lord of our lives; we can talk to him; we can praise him; we can ask him for help)



**BIG IDEA**

God invites us to join his team.

### 3 | Huddle

**SUPPLIES**

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Drawing supplies
- Straws or chopsticks
- Tape or stapler

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY**

- Diagonally cut rectangular sheets of construction paper to create triangular pendants.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Give a construction-paper triangle to each of the kids.
- b. Place the drawing supplies where everyone can share them.
- c. Guide the kids to write "Team Jesus!" on their triangles. Assist them as needed.
- d. Help them tape or staple the wide end of their triangles around a straw or chopstick to create a pendant.
- e. Encourage everyone to colour and decorate their crafts.
- f. Chat with the kids about how it feels to know that Jesus wants us on his team. Remind them that there's nothing we have to do to earn a spot on Jesus' team.
- g. Encourage everyone to hang their pendants as a reminder that they're on Team Jesus!
- h. Review the Key Verse for this series: I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. Romans 8:38 (NIRV)
- i. Ask: Is there anything that can separate us from God's love? (No!)

- j. Encourage the kids to pray with you. Pray, "Thank you, God, that you love [mention each group member by name] so much. Thank you for inviting each of us to join your team. Please help us to understand that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen."

