

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH, 2018

THE GREAT DIVIDE

PURPOSE:

Today's lesson will focus on learning to take responsibility for others and for their safety.

CORE TEACHING:

As a community of faith, we have responsibility to and for each other. We cannot "do it alone." We are "our brother's/sister's keeper."

SCRIPTURE:

1 John 3:13-18

¹³ Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. ¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

REMINDER:

Make sure at least one leader is in every group.

THE CHALLENGE:

Get everyone in your group over the rope to the other side. Every group will be in an area that is divided by a hanging rope. The group, with the leader's assistance, will need to get every group member over the rope to the other side of their area. Group members can't go over or around – *they can only go over!*

DISCUSSION:

The goal of the exercise is teamwork and cooperation – not just succeeding. The more mistakes made, the more learning that will take place.

- 1) *Did your team have "success?" Why or why not?*
- 2) *What were the problems that came up?*
- 3) *How did you overcome the problems?*
- 4) *What did you learn about the group working together?*

FAITH LINK:

Read: 1 John 3:13-18

- 1) *How did it feel to be responsible for the safety of others?*
- 2) *Was it difficult when others held your safety in their hands?*
- 3) *How does this activity help illustrate the scripture we read?*
- 4) *What's one thing we can do this week to take care of our friends and family?*