

## FUN FISH – In Every SHAPE

### Session 12: CUBE – Be Honest - Who is the Best?

Memory Line: "Thank you for making me" (Psalm 139:14 NLT).

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.*

*Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.*

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.*

### Shape and Topic:

A CUBE is perfect. All its sides are the same length. If you look at a block or a box and measure the sides, you can see if it is a cube or not. And being honest is just the perfect thing that God wants us to do.

### Bible Story: "Who is the Best?" (Matt 18:1 - 5)

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons:

Jesus

Matthew

Peter

Child

Crowd

**Materials needed:** (if you don't have the materials below, feel free to replace them)

Hill – use a green cloth

Cube box for Jesus to sit on

Cloak for Jesus

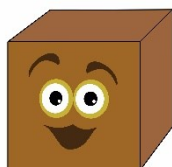
### Reflective Time (interactive):

Sometimes it is easy to think we deserve more than others. But God wants us to be honest. Everyone is special. God says that we all are loved and precious. So, whenever you see a CUBE, remember that you can be honest.

**Short Prayer:** "Dear God, help us to be honest about the world. Help us to love everyone. Amen."

Sing a song:

"In Every SHAPE" card for this session:



**honest**

## Story 12: "Who is the Best?" (Matthew 18: 1 - 5)

Jesus sat on a mountain on a stone shaped like a CUBE. People listened to him. Children listened to him. Everyone smiled. Well, almost everyone.

Suddenly people heard angry voices. They looked up. Jesus's helpers came through the crowd. "I'm the greatest," said Peter. He looked so important.

"No," said Matthew. "I am. Don't you know that Jesus likes me?"

"That isn't true," said Peter. "Jesus thinks I am the best. I'm going to sit at his right hand when he is king in heaven."

"Not so!" said Matthew. "I will sit there. I am better than you."

The crowd looked at the helpers. Jesus looked at the helpers. The children looked at the helpers. "Alright," said Peter, looking around. "I have an idea. Let's ask Jesus who is the greatest. You will see that I am right."

Matthew laughed. "Ask if you want, but you are wrong."

They hurried to Jesus. "Jesus," said Peter, "who is better, Matt or me?"

Jesus called to a little child. "Child, please come here."

The child ran up and stood in the middle, right between Jesus and the helpers. "Here is a child," said Jesus. "You must become like her. She isn't proud or loud. And if you can do that, you will become the greatest in heaven."

Matthew and Peter stared at the child. "This is hard," said Matthew. "If I want to become just like this child, it means I mustn't boast."

Jesus smiled. "That's right, because everyone is equally important to me." And Jesus helped them to be honest about themselves.