

## The First is Last Game

Use this experience to show what it means to be a servant leader.

No materials needed.

**Ask:** What are some characteristics of a good leader?

**Say:** Here's what Jesus says. **Read** Mark 10:41-45. <sup>41</sup> The other ten disciples heard about it. They became angry at James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together. He said, "You know about those who are rulers of the Gentiles. They hold power over their people. Their high officials order them around. <sup>43</sup> Don't be like that. Instead, anyone who wants to be important among you must be your servant. <sup>44</sup> And anyone who wants to be first must be the slave of everyone. <sup>45</sup> Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free."

Jesus says that whoever wants to be first actually has to be last. We need to put others before ourselves. Sometimes what God tells us to do is opposite of what the world says to do. God's Kingdom is an upside down Kingdom! Let's play a game to help us think about that.

Have everyone line up along a wall.

**Say:** When I give a command, you do the opposite. For example, if I say to take a step back, you'll take a step forward. If you don't do the opposite, you're out. Your goal is to be the first to reach me by doing the opposite of what I say.

Stand at the wall opposite the kids, and give commands (such as "hop on one foot" or "turn right") to lead kids to move to you. Play until someone reaches you, and let them be the winner.

**Ask:** What was easy or hard about this game?

**How was this game like what Jesus said about being a servant leader?**

**How can you be servant leaders at school and at home?**