



The greatest among you  
will be your servant.  
**Matthew 23:11** (NIV)

Luke 22:24-27

"Who do you think is the best on the team?" asked Hudson.

Hudson and his friends were drinking bottles of cold water after winning the soccer game. They started talking about everything they'd done to win the game.

"I made two goals," said one.

"But I blocked every one of theirs -- except one," said the goalie.

"What are you guys talking about," asked the coach.

"Oh, we're talking about who is the best," explained Haim. "Who is the most important to the team."

"Oh," said the coach. "I know who's the most important to our team."

"Who?" asked the three boys all at once. They all were listening to see who the coach would say is the most important.

"For sure, it's Joe," the coach said.

"What?" the boys asked. "Joe didn't even play in the game!"

"Right," said the coach. "He 'only' helped you practice, prepared the balls, cleaned the field, brought you water, carried my bag, and even tied your shoes! If it wasn't for him, you guys wouldn't have even been ready for this game."

"I guess you're right, Coach," said the players "Joe is pretty important."

"Humility and serving others is the sign of true greatness," said the coach.

"Let's go congratulate Joe on the win!" said Hudson and off they went to thank Joe.

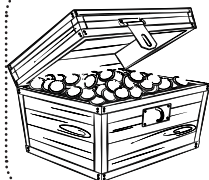


## What did we discover?

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ is not always the person out in front.  
CAPTAIN                      MOST IMPORTANT                      COACH
- 2) It is good to \_\_\_\_\_ those who serve others.  
THANK                      TEASE                      PUSH AROUND
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ and serving are signs of true greatness.  
SIZE                      HUMILITY                      FREEDOM
- 4) The greatest is the person who serves \_\_\_\_\_.  
HIMSELF                      THE POOR                      OTHERS



## How can I serve others today?



**We can't win unless  
we serve.**

The greatest is the one who  
serves others.



**Lord,  
Help me serve  
with all my heart!**

