



WEEK
FOUR
OCTOBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, pray for each of the kids on your roster by name, asking God to bless them today whether they come to group or not today. Ask God to work in each of their lives, through His Spirit, in ways that remind them that He wants to use them even when they're young.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Right Now

Timothy
1 Timothy 4:12
(supporting: Acts 14-17;
1 Timothy 4:14,
1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10)

JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, "What's Different?" Activity Page, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Give kids a "What's Different?" Activity Page and a marker.
- Challenge kids to find the differences between the two pictures.

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How can you make a difference right now?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can make a difference right now.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.
Psalm 139:14, NIRV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Individuality—Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference

BASIC TRUTH

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- How can our words make a difference in the world or someone's life? (*our words can make a positive or a negative difference to someone. Discuss the importance of choosing to build people up.*)
- How can our attitude make a difference in someone's life? Encourage kids to give an example of how your attitude can make a difference.
- What can keep us from thinking we can make a difference?
- How can you make a difference right now?

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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



BIBLE STORY EXTENSION [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Making a Difference Cards" Activity Page, markers, "Blank Cards" Activity Page, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Review the Bible story. Consider asking:
 - What do we know about Timothy?
 - What do you think Timothy's gifts were? (*Prompt kids by asking what did Timothy do? What gifts would someone need to do what he did?*)
 - How did Timothy make a difference?
- Pair kids up.
- Give each team a "Making a Difference Card" and let them read the bio on the card.
- Encourage teams to talk with each other and identify what sparked their person to make a difference.
- Gather the group back together and let teams introduce the person on their card to the group.
- Prompt the teams to share how the kids on their cards are making a difference now.
- Ask:
 - How old do you have to be before you can start to make a difference?
 - What if you want to make a difference but you aren't sure where to start? What can you do?
- Give each kid a "Blank Card" Activity Page and let them create a "Making a Difference Card" for themselves.
- Encourage them to think of ways they can start making a difference right now. Refer back to the "Take a Snapshot" activity if they are stuck for ideas.

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: (optional) "Making a Difference Cards" from the Bible Story Extension Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask: How can your prayers make a difference in someone else's life?
- Challenge kids to think of someone they could pray for this week.
 - Maybe they have a friend who is struggling in school or as a group, consider praying for one of the organizations you discussed in the Bible Story Extension Activity.
- Close by asking kids how you can pray for them this week. **[Make it Personal] (Share an age-appropriate prayer request you may have and ask the kids to pray for you this week)**

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