



WEEK
FIVE
OCTOBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

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

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



Before kids arrive, pray for a few minutes about the time you're about to spend with your kids today. Pray that God would reveal to them today through the story, the music, or your time together in Small Group how He has made each one of them unique as a part of His body here on earth.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Let's Work Together
One Body but Many Parts
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, pipe cleaners, Fruit Loops®, mobile device

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What makes a great team?

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Give kids a pipe cleaner and a handful of Fruit Loops®.
- Challenge kids to thread as many Fruit Loops® as they can in a minute onto the pipe cleaner. The catch is that they can only do it using one hand.
- Instruct kids to put one of their hands behind their backs or in their pockets so they aren't tempted to use both hands.
- The winner is the kid with the most Fruit Loops® on their pipe cleaner when time is up.
- Next, challenge kids to make their pipe cleaner into a bracelet. Again, kids can only use one hand to complete the task.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.

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:

- Give an example of a good team you were on. Why was it a good team?
- How can we use our gifts together to make a greater difference at school? At home?
- Have you ever found yourself wishing you had a talent or a skill like someone else? Or have you just thought your gift isn't all that important? What should we do when we find ourselves comparing what we can do with what someone else can do?
- How can using our gifts together help point others to Jesus?

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an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

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TAKE A SNAPSHOT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "People Cards" Activity Page, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids together.
- Say:
 - This month we have talked a lot about how God created us to be unique.
 - What are some of the gifts and skills God has given us? (*quickly review some of the ideas discussed this month.*)
- Divide the kids into groups of three.
- Challenge the groups to use the "People Cards" to put together a team to complete a given task.
- Instruct kids to write the gifts and skills needed inside each person outline, one skill on each card.
- Potential Task Ideas:
 - A team to complete a science project on electricity
 - A team to put on a skit for the kindergarten class at school
 - A team to organize a recycling program at school
 - A team to play soccer
- Give groups time to share their teams.
 - Challenge groups to explain why they selected the gifts/skills they did.
 - What makes a good team?
 - What is the benefit of doing something as a team? What would happen one part of the team was missing?
 - Discuss the similarities and differences between the teams created.





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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: Large piece of butcher paper, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Trace an outline of one of the kids on a piece of butcher paper.
- As a group, create a work of WordArt by creatively filling in the outline with words.
- Ask kids to use words that describe us.
 - Words describing our traits, our gifts, our talents, how God made us, etc.
 - Encourage kids to write the words in creative ways.
- When they are done, write below their masterpiece: We are the body of Christ. Each one of us is a part of it.
- Close in prayer.
 - God, We know you created us uniquely, we are each one of a kind and each of us reflect You uniquely. Thank You God for how You made us. *(Encourage kids to thank God, either silently or aloud in popcorn-style prayer, for specific ways He made them.)* God help us to use our gifts together to make a greater difference by showing others what it looks like to follow Jesus. Amen.

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