



WEEK
THREE
NOVEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



Before kids arrive, ask God to give you the patience to create the type of group today that would really help your kids take honest looks at their hearts and see how God wants them to grow in this area of being content. Pray for each of your kids by name.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

In My Life

Israelites Long for Egypt
Exodus 16:2-21; 17:1-7

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What is good in you
life right now?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Don't miss out on
what you have now.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has."

Luke 12:15, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Contentment—Learning to be okay with what you have

BASIC TRUTH

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JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, hula hoops

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Place two hula hoops about 20 feet apart.
- Line kids up between the hula hoops so one hula hoop is on their left and one on their right.
- Face the kids and ask: "Would you rather eat . . ." and give kids two options.
- For example: Would you rather eat pizza (*point to one hula hoop*) or burgers (*point to the other hula hoop*).
- Tell kids to put one foot in the hula hoop representing what they would rather eat. (Kids must pick one option! Their answer cannot be, "Neither!")
- Guide kids to re-group in the center before reading the next "Would you rather eat . . ." statement.
- Keep the pace quick to hold their interest.
- Potential "Would you rather..." options:
 - Pizza or Burgers
 - French Fries or Potato Chips
 - Fried Chicken or Fried Shrimp
 - Skittles or Chocolate
 - Grass or Dirt
 - Peanut Butter or Nutella
 - An Earthworm or A Bug
 - Pickles or Pickled Eggs
 - Frog Legs or Chicken Feet
 - Apples or Oranges
 - *Optional: Let kids come up with some food choices for their peers to choose from.*



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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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 did God interact with the Israelites? How would you describe God based on His interaction with the Israelites?
- What are some ways God provided for the Israelites? What are some ways God provides for us?
- What do you think you might miss out on in the future if you're not content and thankful for what is happening in your life right now?

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



BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper plates, markers, mobile device or timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- To review the Bible story, ask:
 - What was good in the Israelites' life?
 - How did God provide for the Israelites?
- Write the answers (or let kids write) on paper plates, one answer for each paper plate.
- Ideally, you'll end up with a paper plate for each kid in the group, minus one.
- Ask:
 - What was the Israelites' response to what God had done for them?
 - What did they miss out on by whining and complaining?
- On a paper plate, write CONTENTMENT in big letters.
- Shuffle the plates and place them face down in a circle.
- Set out enough paper plates that all but one kid will have one when the music stops.
- Tell kids to stand on a plate.
- Play a game like musical chairs.
 - Using a mobile device, set a timer or play some upbeat music.
 - Kids move from one plate to another.
 - When the timer goes off or the music stops, kids try not to be the last one to stand on a paper plate.
 - The last kid to grab a plate is out, and gets to choose a plate to remove from the circle.
 - After they read what's written on the plate, start the music or timer again and prompt kids to start walking around the circle.
 - Continue until only one plate is left.
- Use the following to bring the game and conversation home:
 - The Israelites were very focused on what they had in Egypt, and they missed out on what was good in their life RIGHT NOW. What can we miss out on if we are focused on what we don't have RIGHT NOW?
 - How can focusing on "the now" help us to be content?

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an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Verse Cards"

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give kids time to pray to God, thanking Him for what He has provided them today and asking for His help to see what is good in their life RIGHT NOW.
- Encourage kids to write their prayer on the back of their "Verse Card"
- Give kids an opportunity to share their prayer with the group.

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