



WEEK
TWO
JULY 2022

SMALL GROUP
K-3

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



OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Glow-in-the-dark bracelets (glowing but still straight)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide the kids to sit in a circle.
- Carefully make a pile of glow sticks in the center of the circle of kids.
- Make sure the pile is in reach of everyone and the glow sticks are touching each other.
- Play "Pick Up Sticks" with the glow sticks.
 - Kids take turns trying to pick up one stick without moving the others.
 - If a stick (or several sticks) move(s) while the kid is picking up another stick, the kid has to take all of the sticks that move.
 - The kid who has the least sticks at the end, wins.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Good Vibrations
City on a Hill
Matthew 5:14-16

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This game is usually played with little plastic or wooden sticks, but I thought it would be fun to try with glow sticks. With these glowing sticks, we could play this anywhere—camping or in the backyard at night. We'll talk about light all day today, **[Transition] so let's go hear how to let our light shine!**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Show God's goodness to others.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns."
Philippians 1:6, NIV

MAKE WAVES

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BASIC TRUTH

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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

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



GLOWING GOODNESS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Goodness Strips" Activity Pages, glow sticks bracelets with closures (can be from Opening Activity), clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Give each team ten glow sticks, a set of "Goodness Strips," and tape.
- Instruct each team to tape a strip behind each stick, parallel to it, so that it appears the paper strip is glowing.
- Inform kids that each act of goodness on each strip leads to another.
- Instruct them to arrange the acts of goodness in order to show how one act of goodness can make waves and lead to others.
- Direct the teams to make a chain with the sticks by closing the glow sticks in a circle with the closures.
- The team who connects the strips in order first, wins!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"This is a great way to show that when we **show God's goodness to others**, we can change the world around us. Goodness doesn't just mean doing nice things. Goodness is how we reflect how God is good to everyone.

"What are some examples of God's goodness? (*Invite responses—God created the world, God loves all people, God rescued us from sin/sent Jesus, God hears our prayers, God is always there for us, God gives us a church community; etc.*)

"How does it feel when someone shows goodness to you—when they're forgiving, honest, or generous? (*Invite responses.*)

"How can you show goodness to someone else?" (*Invite responses—Be honest, forgiving, generous. Help the kids think of specific examples.*)

[Make It Personal] (*Share a time when you saw God's goodness in someone else—maybe someone provided for you when you needed it or gave you encouragement from Scripture or forgave you when you had really messed up. If you have done that for someone else—with the intention of letting them see God's goodness—tell the kids how you showed God's goodness to someone. Maybe you've done this by leading a small group and helping kids grow more in their relationships with God!*)

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MADE TO MOVE

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



SHOW GOD'S GOODNESS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards, markers, glow sticks, bowls

WHAT YOU DO:

- Unpack the idea that the more kids "take in" God's goodness by reading the Bible and trying to be like Jesus, the more they'll show others God's goodness.
- Ask kids to think of ways they can show God's goodness, whether by reading or listening to the Bible, thinking about God, or being kind to others.
 - Based on what they share, ask specific follow-up questions about how they can pass on God's goodness to others.
- Give each kid an index card.
- Instruct them to write or draw one way THEY can **show God's goodness to others.**
- **[Make it Personal] (Write or draw a way that you can show God's goodness, too.)**
- Collect the cards and scatter them on the floor at one end of your environment. Put a glow stick on each card.
- Guide kids to line up at the other end of your environment.
- Hide each glow stick and index card under a bowl. If possible, dim the lights or turn them off and leave a hall door open.
- At your signal, the first kid runs to the bowls, flips one over, then runs back to the group and tags the next kid in line.
- Continue until every kid has a turn and all the lights are shining!
- Keep the game going by playing multiple rounds, timing kids to see how quickly they can "let their lights shine!"
- Variation: Randomly "re-hide" the glow sticks and cards under the bowls during the game, adding a competitive Whack-a-Mole element.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"If we love Jesus, we are supposed to show God's goodness to others. What are some ways you can **show God's goodness to others?** (read my Bible; try to be like Jesus; be kind to others, etc.) Yes! The good things you do—like spending time with God and trying to be like Jesus—can show others how good God is! And when you show others God's goodness, you're like a light that shines for everyone to see. So remember, **show God's goodness to others.**"





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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Glow-in-the-dark bracelets

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a bracelet.
- As you hand a bracelet to each kid, say "[Kid's name], let God's love shine through you! **Show God's goodness to everyone.**"
- Close your group time in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for Your goodness to us. Please help us find ways to show Your goodness to others in how we act and what we say. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, make sure kids take home a glow bracelet and invite them to share how they can let God's love shine through them and **show God's goodness to everyone.**

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