



WEEK  
**THREE**  
JULY 2022

SMALL GROUP

**K-3**

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, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for the friends in your life who have been faithful and dependable over the years. Pray for the same blessings for the kids in your group. Pray for them to also BE those faithful friends to their peers.*

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### Have a Little Faith in Me

David and Jonathan  
1 Samuel 18–20, 2 Samuel 9  
(Supporting: 2 Samuel 4:4)

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Be faithful so others  
can count on you.**

## 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

**What you do today can  
change the world around you.**

## BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way  
I want to be treated.**

## EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome the kids by name as they arrive.
- Encourage the kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Invite the kids to stand in a circle.
- Choose one kid to be first and ask them a question like:
  - How many siblings do you have?
  - What month were you born?
  - Who is your best friend?
  - What's one thing you are good at?
- Instruct the first kid to turn to their right and share their answer to the question with the kid next to them.
- Ask the kid who is next to turn to their right and share their answer to the question to the kid next to them in the circle.
- Continue around the circle until everyone has had a chance to answer the question.
- Play multiple rounds by asking new questions.
- To add variation, change the direction the answer travels or ask kids to change their positions.



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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



### MINGLE MASH

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Praise or theme music

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage kids to think of ways they can be faithful friends. They can keep their promises, be kind, give a hug or a fist bump when someone's having a bad day, let others play with their toys, etc.
- Play the music, leading kids to mingle around the environment. Add fun by guiding each kid to move like a wave, a fish, a crab, a jellyfish, a shark, or any other watery thing!
- When you stop the music, kids freeze!
- Call out, **"Be faithful so others can count on you,"** followed by one way that kids can be faithful.
- Guide the kids to do that action.
- Here are some ideas, but feel free to make up any of your own:
  - Give a friend a high-five.
  - Smile at three friends.
  - Pretend to share your food with a friend.
  - Rub a friend's back.
  - Look at a friend and say, "I'm glad you're here."
  - Say to three friends, "I think you're nice."
  - Give a friend a fist bump.
  - Pretend to share your toys with two friends.
  - Say, "I will keep my promises!"
- Play as time allows, varying the way kids move as they play.

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#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"God is faithful, and God wants to help you be faithful, too! One way that you can be faithful is to be a loyal and faithful friend. You can keep your promises, be kind, give a hug or a fist bump when someone's having a bad day, do what you say you're going to do, and share your toys. (Name other ideas the kids had for being faithful friends, too.) When you do those things, you're showing others that they can count on you. So the important thing to remember today is **be faithful so others can count on you.**"





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### MADE TO MOVE

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



### WAVE OF GOODNESS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible marked at Philippians 1, beach ball

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible where marked. Read the verse aloud or invite the volunteer to read.
- Unpack the phrase "God WILL carry it on." God is faithful to us, and because God is faithful to us, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be faithful to others, too.
- Guide kids to stand in a circle with each kid facing the back of the child in front of them. Kids should be about an arm's length apart.
- Give one kid the ball and guide them to say the first word of the verse as they pass the ball OVER their head to the kid behind them. That kid then passes the ball UNDER and between their legs as they say the second word, and so on.
- If kids are still learning the verse, say it for them as they pass the ball. Encourage them to echo the words after you.
- If time allows, time the kids, challenging them to complete the "Verse Wave" faster each round.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job of working together! You made a wave of goodness! God starts a good work in us, and when we continue that good work, God's Spirit keeps it going—making waves of goodness that spread to others and to the world! And God's Spirit can help you **be faithful so others can count on you.**"

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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:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Guide kids to stand in a circle and hold hands as you lead them in prayer.
- Use the conversation below as a guide.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"David was faithful and loyal to his friend, Jonathan. With God's help, you can **be faithful so others can count on you**, too. What are some ways that you can be faithful? (*keep promises; be kind; give a hug or a fist bump when I see someone sad; share toys; etc.*) Yes! Those are all GREAT ways you can **be faithful so others can count on you**. Let's pray."

Lead kids in prayer, thanking God for David's faithfulness to Jonathan and asking for help for both you and the kids to **be faithful so others can count on you**.

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell them today's Bottom Line. **Be faithful so others can count on you.**

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