

WEEK
THREE
JULY 2022

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, take some time to pray that you would be able to create an environment in your group that fosters students building great relationships. Ask God for the wisdom to know how to handle difficult relational issues within and without the group so that the kids would learn what it means to be a great friend to others.

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 KEY QUESTION

How can you be someone people can count on?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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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

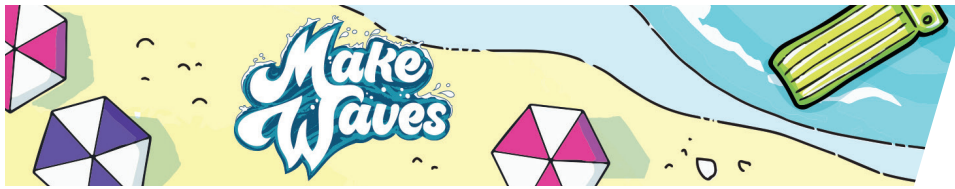
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JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, LEGO® pieces, prepared LEGO® structure

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the container.
- Show kids the LEGO structure you built ahead of time.
- Allow kids to observe it closely for about 10 seconds, then place outside of the room or otherwise hidden from view.
- Form groups of two or three kids and give each group one of the bags of LEGO pieces containing the same pieces as the structure that is hidden from view.
- Challenge teams to race to see who can build the exact same LEGO structure as the one you made.
- Teams can send a kid to go look at the structure as many times as needed, but only one person from each team may go at a time.
- They cannot draw the structure or take a picture—they have to rely completely on their memory.
- The first to replicate the structure EXACTLY as the original is the winner.



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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:

- What's one good thing that comes out of being a faithful friend?
- What's one not-so-good thing that can happen if we're not someone others can count on?
- Why should someone who follows and loves Jesus be known as a person who is faithful?
- When is it be hard to be a faithful friend?

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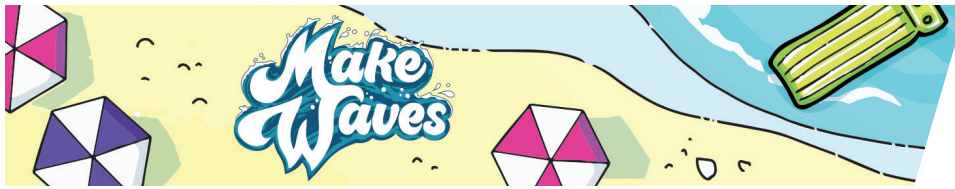
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an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, "Spiral Waves" Activity Page, pens, markers (not fine tip)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Bible or let them use a Bible App.
- Ask kids to look up Proverbs 3:3.
- Give each kid a copy of the "Spiral Wave" Activity Page and a pen.
- Beginning in the center of the spiral, ask kids to write the verse in the white space of the wave.
- When finished, ask:
 - What would you say is the main thing the writer of Proverbs 3:3 wants us to know? Based on this verse, what are we supposed to do? How do we do it?
 - What does faithfulness look like in our life?
 - Name some ways that being a faithful friend makes a wave, makes a difference, makes an impact on the world around us.
- Form teams of two or three kids.
- Give each team eight markers.
- Tell teams to place one of their "Spiral Waves" on a hard, flat surface.
- Challenge team members to work together to carefully stand each marker upright on eight of the words they feel are most important to the meaning of the verse.
- Invite teams to share the words they chose and why they feel they are the most important.
- Challenge teams to look at their arrangement of markers and decide which would be the most strategic one to knock over if they wanted to cause a ripple effect that would touch all of the other markers.
- Once they have agreed, let them gently push the marker over and see how many others it makes contact with.
- The team with the most markers down is the winner.
- Ask:
 - How many markers did it take to move the others on your paper?
 - What can you do this week to be a faithful friend?
 - What can you do inspire others to be faithful friends and create a wave of faithfulness?

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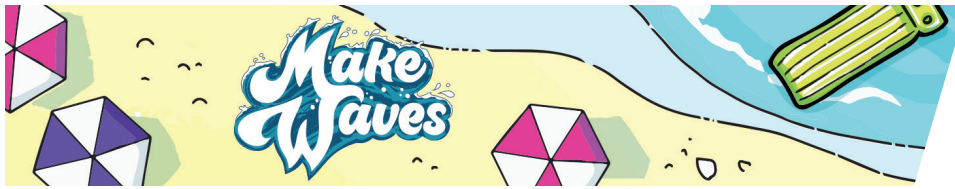
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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: Blue crepe paper

WHAT YOU DO:

- Sit together in a circle.
- Give one of the kids the roll of crepe paper and ask them to hold the end in their left hand and the remaining roll in their other hand.
- Remind them that followers of Jesus are given the help of the Holy Spirit, which grows God's character in them.
 - Faithfulness to God and faithful friendship to others are a fruit of the Spirit and evidence that God is working in them in order to spread love to others.
- Ask kids to think of the blue crepe paper as a wave that moves from one person to another.
- Explain that they will pass the roll of crepe paper around the circle.
- Before it is passed to the next kid, pause while you lead the group in prayer for the kid holding the roll or, encourage the kids to pray aloud for each other if they feel comfortable doing so.
- When finish praying, that kid will pass the crepe paper to the next person while still holding on to their section.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, we need Your help in order to be faithful to You and a faithful friend to others. We know that the way we treat others is a huge clue about our love and faithfulness to You. So, help us be the ones this week that others can count on. Help us send out a wave of friendship that see others the way You see them show them we care. In Jesus' name, amen."

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