



A love story
for the ages

WEEK
TWO
AUGUST 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

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:

- Think of the friends you have. What would life be like if you did not have them?
- What kinds of things does your family do to take care of you?
- How do you know when someone loves you?
- How does it make you feel when someone has taken care of you?
- How can you care for the people in your life?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I'll Take Care of You

Creation
Genesis 1-2

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How do you know when someone loves you?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God made us to take care of each other.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins."

1 John 4:10, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Love—Showing others how much they matter to you

BASIC TRUTH

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MADE TO MOVE

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



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Large books or Bibles, "Verse Relay" Activity Page, masking tape, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use masking tape to make "Start" and "Finish" lines in your space.
- Place a shuffled stack of prepared "Verse Relay" cards in two different places along the "Finish" line.
- Divide kids into two teams and challenge them to a relay race to collect cards and put the memory verse in order.
- One kid from each team will begin at the start line and will place a book or Bible on top of their head.
- As they walk to the finish line, they must balance the book on their head the entire time.
- They can't hold the book and keep it in place, but they can steady it if they feel it slipping or shifting.
- If the book falls off, they must stop, place it back on their head, and continue.
- At the finish line, each player will pick up one of the cards from their stack, and walk back to their team, continuing to keep the book on their head until they cross the start line.
- Continue with the next player and keep playing until every card has been collected.
- Once they've collected all of the cards, teams will work together to put the cards in the correct order.
- The first team to have their memory verse in order is the winner.
- While kids are still separated in their teams, ask each team to take turns reciting the verse for the entire group.
- Encourage kids to keep working on memorizing this verse at home throughout the month.
- Tell kids that there are verses that specifically talk about how we should care for each other!
- Give each team two or three verses to look up in the Bible and ask for volunteers to read them out loud for the group.
 - Hebrews 13:16
 - Romans 12:10
 - Ephesians 4:32
 - John 13:34-35
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11
 - Galatians 6:2
- Let each kid choose a verse reference to write on the back of one of the memory verse cards and take it home with them.

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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: Paracord, yarn, or other thick string, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put kids in pairs and hand each pair a Bible.
- Ask them to look up the verse, Ephesians 4:9-12, and choose one kid to read it out loud for the group.
- Explain how this verse mentions why God did not intend for us to be alone. Ask kids to point out the different ways this verse says we benefit from having each other.
- As a reminder, have kids make simple, braided bracelets together.
- Hand each kid three pieces of cord or string and instruct them to tie them together in a knot at one end.
- Then, tell partners to take turns: one partner will hold the knotted end while the other partner braids their bracelet and ties a knot in the other end. Then swap so the other partner has a chance to braid their bracelet.
- Once everyone has finished their bracelets, give kids time to pray with each other.
- Then close in prayer.
- Encourage kids to wear their bracelets all week as a reminder to pray for each other over the next few days.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, You are such an epic God. You are the God who created us and saved us and wants to use us in Your big story. Please help us see every opportunity we come across this week to carry out the job You've given us to do. When challenges come up or we get tired, help us to remember that **God made us to take care of each other** and that we have this really cool responsibility given by You! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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