



WEEK
THREE
SEPTEMBER 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:

- Would Jacob be someone you would trust all the time?

Why or why not?

- And yet Jacob is part of God's plan. How does that encourage you to trust God, knowing that even when we mess up, God still has a plan to love us and to make things right in the end?
- Abraham and Jacob were part of God's plan—part of the story. What is our part of God's story? How are we part of God's plan?
- What if you ask God to help resolve a situation a certain way, but things don't work out the way you asked. Why can you still trust God in that moment?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Fall Asleep

Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28:10-22

(supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27)

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Why are plans important?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can trust that God has a plan.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

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: Masking tape, "Ladder Cards" Activity Page, markers, dice, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Bible.
- Look up and read the memory verse, Proverbs 3:5. Challenge kids to recite the verse from memory.

Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.

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- Create a ladder on the floor.
 - Using masking tape on the floor, create two parallel lines about six inches apart from each other; each line should be about six feet long. (Or use the lines from the opening activity.)
 - Use the "Ladder Cards" to create the rungs of the ladder.
 - Make stacks of "like" cards. (i.e., make a stack of all of the first cards, a stack of all of the second cards, etc.)
 - Place the stacks (rungs) about one foot apart, in order of the verse.
- Establish a starting point across the room from the ladder.
- Group kids into teams of two or three.
- Challenge teams to race to collect all of the "Ladder Cards" and put them in the correct order of the memory verse.
 - Give each team a die.
 - One kid from each team will race to the ladder, roll the die and select the "Ladder Card" that corresponds to the number they rolled.
 - If a kid rolls a number and they already have the card with that number, they run back to the starting point empty handed.
 - Remind kids to plan so they know what cards they need before running to the ladder.
 - If a kid returns to the starting point with a card they already have, they must return it to the proper rung of the ladder and try again.
 - The team to collect all six cards and to put them in the correct order wins.



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: Colored pencils, the butcher paper
from the Bible Story Extension Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids around the butcher paper from the Bible Story Extension Activity.
- Remind kids that God created the world and everything in it and made a plan, a plan so we can be with God now and forever. We are part of God's story.
- Encourage kids to draw a heart or a star and write a thank You note to God inside the heart.
- Kids can draw more than one heart.
- Challenge them to fill the paper with thanks to God.
- If necessary, give them a prompt such as:
 - Think of people you are thankful God put into your life
 - Think about the gifts God gave you to use to show God's love to others
 - Think of the times God provided comfort or encouragement for you
 - Think about what Jesus means to you and thank God for Him
 - Think of a specific story in the Bible you are thankful for
- Close in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, we know You will do what You say! You kept Your promise to Abraham. You kept Your promise to Jacob. You will make everything right in the end. Thank You (fill in with some of the things kids wrote on the butcher paper). Amen!"