



WEEK
ONE

FEBRUARY 2023

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



TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

For the Sake of the Call

Calling of the Disciples
Luke 5:1-11, 27-32

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When have you felt left out?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Include people who are left out.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**"Do to others as you
want them to do to you."**

Luke 6:31, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Respect—Showing others
they are important by what
you say and do

BASIC TRUTH

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

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Why do you think we often play favorites based on how someone looks or acts? What do you think should happen instead?
- Name three good reasons why God wants you to show respect to everyone and not just the kids you think are cool.
- Jesus didn't choose His disciples based on how they looked or how popular they were. If Jesus showed up at your school, who are the kinds of people He'd probably sit with at lunch? (no names)
- It's not wrong to have a close group of friends—Jesus did. But when can it become a problem and cause others to feel excluded? What can you do to keep that from happening?
- If a teacher, coach, or other adult seems to play favorites, who can you go to and talk about it?



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4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, Doodle Board Kits

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids as needed to look up Luke 6:31.
- Use the Navigation Tip below if kids need help finding

the verse on their own.

***Finding verses with 4th-5th graders:** Our verse is from Luke. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (New) So we know it's toward the back of the Bible. It's the third of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). When they find Luke, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 6. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to them find verse 31 in chapter 6.*

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- Many kids will be familiar with this verse and may have heard it called "The Golden Rule." Ask why they think it's called that.
- Take turns reciting Luke 6:31 and finishing one of the sentence starters from the list below.
- Give kids different sentences to finish then use their answers to unpack the meaning of the verse and how it applies to them.

Sentence Starters

1. This verse reminds me to . . .
 2. If everyone lived by this verse . . .
 3. One thing that stood out to me in this verse was . . .
 4. I think this verse is important to know because . . .
 5. I need to remember this verse when . . .
 6. I might have a hard time following this verse when . . .
 7. One thing this verse tells me about God is that . . .
 8. Living out this verse shows respect because. . .
 9. I think this verse should be . . .
 10. One thing this verse tells me about people is that . . .
- Give each kid a Doodle Board Kit.
 - Invite them to make a doodle, design, or picture that reflects the meaning of Luke 6:31.
 - Let kids share their doodles with the group and explain the meaning behind it.
 - When finished, ask kids to put their markers and paper towels back in the Doodle Board Kits and then seal the bags.
 - Collect the kits to use again in the following weeks.



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

WHAT YOU NEED: index cards, markers, hula-hoops

What You Do:

- Ask kids to write their name neatly on an index card.
- Place a hula-hoop on the floor then ask kids to sit

around it.

- Invite them to trade cards across the circle.
- Lead kids to pray for the kid whose name is on the card.
- When finished, kids can place the card inside the hula-hoop and wait until everyone is included.
- Close with a group prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, help us to follow the example of Jesus and treat everyone with respect. You made each person and created us unique and special. Remind us how it feels when we are tempted to not include someone. We love You and want to follow Your example. Just like each of our names is in the circle in front of us, show us how to include others in our circle of friends so that no one feels left out. Help us to not play favorites with people. In Your name we pray, amen."