



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
MARCH 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



### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Are there some people in your life who are easier to always forgive than others?
- Do you ever feel like you don't deserve to be forgiven? If so, why?
- When is it hard to ask for forgiveness?
- Why does God always forgive us?

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Homecoming

The Story of the Lost Son  
Luke 15:11-32

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When is it hard to ask for forgiveness?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God will always forgive you.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you."  
Colossians 3:13, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Forgiveness—deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

### BASIC TRUTH

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "God Always" Activity page, Bibles, pens or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Put kids in pairs.
- Give each pair of kids a copy of the "God Always" Activity Page, a Bible, and a pen or pencil.
- Tell kids to work with their partner to look up each verse listed on the sheet and complete the sentence next to the verse.
- After everyone has finished looking up the verses and filling in the blanks, let kids share the answers they came up with.
  1. Isaiah 41:10  
God always helps us, does what is right.
  2. Joshua 1:9  
God always goes with you.
  3. Jeremiah 29:11  
God always has a plan.
  4. Colossians 3:13  
God always forgives us.
- Ask:
  - When have you experienced God doing one of the things we just talked about?

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### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to stand in two lines, where each kid faces another kid in the opposite line. Ask kids to spread out so that each pair has some space between them and whoever is next in line.
- Explain that they will spend a quick moment exchanging prayer requests with the person they are facing and then taking a moment to pray for each other.
- Remind kids how important it is to respect each other in confidentiality of whatever someone chooses to share.
  - Also, assure kids that just because they may not have anything major going on doesn't mean they don't need prayer for anything.
  - Give some suggestions that may help spark kids who struggle to know what to pray about. (ie: upcoming test in school, getting along with a sibling, etc.)
- After every pair has taken time to pray, instruct one of the lines to shift down one person, so that each kid is paired with someone new. Whoever is at the end of the line will go to the opposite end of the line.
- Repeat the process of exchanging prayer requests and praying for each other until kids have prayed with three or four different people.
- Kids can choose to share their same request with each partner they are paired with or can think of new prayer requests to share with each partner.
- Encourage kids to remember to pray for each other through the week. Remind kids that God always listens to us and cares about the things that matter to us.

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