



WEEK
THREE
JUNE 2023

SMALL GROUP
2-3

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 a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help you see how knowing Jesus has changed the way you see others. Ask God for guidance as you help your few discover some of the ways God speaks to us and helps us interpret the world we live in and navigate our relationships with others. Pray that the Bible story, conversations, and activities today would be used to

change kids' perspective on those they don't get along with or don't have much in common with.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Walk Right In
Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius
Acts 10

1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: "Things to Draw Cards" Activity Page, paper, pencils, and offering container

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God can change the way you see others.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive and ask about their week.
- Encourage kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Once you have two or more kids, invite the kids to pair-up.
- Instruct one kid to sit behind the other in each pair.
- Give the kid in front a piece of paper and pencil.
- Give the other kid a card from the "Things to Draw Cards" Activity Page.
- Encourage the kid in the back to look at the first item on their card and without showing it to the other kid, use their pointer finger to draw that item on their back.
- Direct the kid in front to attempt to guess what's being drawn on their back and write an answer on their paper.
- Instruct the teams to do the same thing with the remaining two items on their cards.
- Once all three guesses have been made, encourage the kid who is drawing to share what they were drawing and see if the other kid guessed correctly.
- If time allows, instruct pairs to trade cards with another pair and play again.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1, NIRV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

BASIC TRUTH

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



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SMALL GROUP
K-5
STARTER

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

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



*2. COLORS IN COLOR

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: White paper and crayons or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Set the crayons or markers in the middle of the activity

area.

- Direct kids to write the names of colors in a different color.
- For example, they write "BLUE" with a yellow crayon and "RED" with a blue crayon.
- Instruct them to fill the page with as many colors as possible.
- Direct the kids to partner up, exchange papers, and ask the kid they changed papers with to read the WORDS not the colors.
- Instruct the partner to switch and say the COLORS not the words.
- For young readers, pair them with a stronger reader and stick to simple, one syllable colors like blue, pink, or red.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I'm a Believer

Paul Becomes a Believer
Acts 9:1-9

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Knowing Jesus changes how you see things.

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BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"It seems like our eyes were playing tricks on us when we read these! It can be hard to see what's really there instead of just what we expect to see. Maybe you're someone who always expects bad stuff to happen—you're going to fail every test, strike out at every sport, get hurt on every playground, throw up on every rollercoaster. You see the worst in things. Maybe you're someone who always expects life to be unfair—everyone has more toys than you, more screen time, and more help on homework or the teacher always likes everyone else more!

"Both of these ways of looking at the world lead to unhappiness, fear, and anger. Jesus wants you to follow Him without those feelings weighing you down all the time. The more you know Jesus, the more you can trust Him to keep you safe and give you what you need. You'll start to see the good things in life more than the bad things because **knowing Jesus changes how you see things.**"

Optional Discussion Questions for Older Kids

If you lead 4th, 5th, or 6th graders, consider asking these discussion questions:

- What in your life needs a new perspective? Is there a situation with a friend in your neighborhood or an issue with a family member that you feel pretty negative about?
- Have you ever seen something on TV or read something online and gotten the wrong idea? What was that like?
- When was the last time you changed your mind about something or someone?



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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



3. ROSE-COLORED GLASSES [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Verse Glasses" Activity Pages, colored cellophane, safety scissors, glue sticks, and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a pair of "Verse Glasses."
- Set out the cellophane, scissors, and glue sticks.
- Help kids cut out the cellophane and glue it inside the frame of their glasses to make lenses.
- Invite the kids to try on the glasses.
- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up and read Hebrews 11:1 using the navigation tips below.

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Finding verses with a multi-age group: Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, ask a middle elementary kid (2nd–3rd grade) to find "Hebrews" in the list under "New Testament." When the kid finds Hebrews, lead them to look at the page number beside the word and say it, explaining that the number tells them on what page they can find Hebrews. Ask older elementary kids (4th–5th grade) to help younger ones find the correct page in their Bibles. When they all find Hebrews, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Ask a kindergartner or 1st grader to find chapter 11 and give time for all kids to turn the pages to find it. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers and ask a middle elementary kid to find verse 1 in chapter 11. Then read the verse aloud slowly, especially for your pre-readers; or ask older elementary kids to read it to the group.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Knowing Jesus changes how you see things.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"These glasses remind us that **knowing Jesus changes how you see things.** Have you ever faced a big problem or had to deal with someone who didn't treat you very well? (Invite responses.) Knowing Jesus changes how you see problems and people. You have faith, like our verse says, that God will be with you, no matter what. Nothing seems impossible and no one seems un-loveable.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Hebrews 11:1, NIV

"Keep these glasses nearby when you need a new perspective on something. Your day at the theme park isn't going to work out? Look for a way to love your family at home instead. You can't swim because of your arm cast? Look for a way to celebrate God's creation on dry land or ask your family to do fun non-swimming activities, too."

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Glasses from "Rose-Colored Glasses" activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to put on their glasses.
- Tell them, **"Knowing Jesus changes how you see things!"**
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You that You can change our perspective. Please help us see things the way You see them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, send kids home with their glasses.

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