



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2023

SMALL GROUP
K-5
STARTER

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

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



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Dominoes; *Optional:* device to show a video

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set out the dominoes.
- Challenge the group to set up the longest and most complicated domino run they can.
- *Option: Use a YouTube™ video or other video for inspiration!*
- Allow as much time as possible for building, then gather everyone together to knock over the first domino.
- Let the kids rebuild and rearrange the dominoes if it doesn't work the first time.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Can See Clearly Now
Ananias Helps Paul
Acts 9:10-31

WHAT YOU SAY:

"The great thing about dominoes is that you only have to knock over the first one to get a HUGE reaction. **[Transition]** We'll hear how the faith of **ONE** person changed lives—even our lives—forever! If you've ever read the New Testament, you'll want to know about the guy who started it all, the letters and the trips and the churches—and it's not who you think!"

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God can help you face your fears.

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



1. CUBE REVIEW

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared "Bible Story Review Cube" Activity Page, scrap paper, and pencil

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask the kids what they recall about today's Bible story.
- Then divide your group into two teams.
- Line up both teams on either side of you.
- Go down the line of each team and ask the kids when their birthday is.
- Give the "Bible Story Review Cube" Activity Page to the kid who has the closest birthday to today and let them roll the cube first.
- When the cube lands on a question, read the question aloud and invite that kid to answer.
- Allow the kid to consult their team quietly for help if they need it.
- If the first team is correct, award them five points.
- If the first team is incorrect, allow the other team to try to answer.
- If THAT team is correct, award them four points.
- Keep track of points on a scrap piece of paper.
- Repeat in the same way, going back and forth between the teams.
- If a team rolls the cube and it lands on a question you've already answered, direct that team to roll again. (Or if it's a question that has multiple parts and those parts haven't already been answered, that team can give another part of the answer and win points that way.)
- Tally points at the end and declare a winner!

NOTE: The kids may not get every part of the answers below. If any part of what they say is correct, award them points but point out any parts they missed as you review the story together.

Questions and Answers:

- Who was Ananias? (*a believer/follower of Jesus living in Damascus*)
- What did God ask Ananias to do? (*go to Straight Street to see a man named Saul; put his hands on Saul and pray for him*)
- Why was Ananias afraid to do what God asked him to do? (*Ananias knew that Saul was arresting Christians and was afraid Saul might do the same to him.*)
- What happened when Ananias went to visit Saul? (*Ananias told Saul that God had sent him. Something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see. Saul was baptized as a believer in Jesus!*)
- What did Saul do after he became a follower of Jesus? (*He began preaching and teaching about Jesus—first in Damascus then in Jerusalem. He had to escape both of those cities because the religious leaders wanted to get rid of him. But Saul kept telling people about Jesus!*)
- Who faced their fears in today's Bible story? (*Ananias faced his fear by going to visit Saul. Saul faced his fear by continuing to preach about*

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(1. CUBE REVIEW, CONTINUED)

Jesus when the religious leaders were after him. The first followers of Jesus were fearful of Saul because of his background but Barnabas helped convince them that they could trust that Saul had changed.)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Ananias was SO afraid to go to Saul as God had asked. He probably had so many anxious questions. What if Saul arrested him? What if he was thrown in prison or worse? It took SO much faith for Ananias to do what he did! But he wasn't the only one in the story who had faith.

"It took faith for Saul to keep preaching about Jesus once he became a believer. And it took incredible faith for those early believers to keep spreading the message of Jesus. I'm so glad they didn't let fear take over! Because they were willing to step out in faith, the early church grew, and grew and grew and it KEPT growing all the way to today! Talk about faith! When you choose to trust and follow God, **God can help you face your fears.**"

[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids about a time you knew God was asking you to do something in faith, but you were afraid. Maybe you were scared to ask a coworker to come to church with you. Maybe you were afraid to do the right thing because others would make fun of you—especially as a kid or teenager. Make sure your answers are age-appropriate as you talk about how God can help you face your fears.)



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MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



*2. SIGNS OF THE TIMES

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Signs of the Times Templates" Activity Pages; large craft sticks; tape; and coloring materials

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Signs of the Times Templates" Activity Page.
- Set out the other materials.
- Direct the kids to color both sides of their signs.
- Instruct the kids to tape the stick to the sign so they can turn it to face either way and the words FEAR and FAITH will still be visible.
- Gather the group in a circle.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When I say something that sounds scary, hold up the FEAR side of your sign." (Mention a few real-world things like a bad grade, a super-tall rollercoaster, the dark, being lost, a mean kid, a strict teacher, messing up in front of the whole class or sports team, etc.) Not everyone is afraid of the same things. Some of you showed me the FEAR side a lot, and some just a little.

"Now I'll talk about things that take FAITH and courage. Show me that side of the sign. (Working hard on homework even if it's not your best subject, trying again at a sport, getting the right answer in front of the class after you've messed up, walking down to dark basement with a flashlight, sleeping even if the dark is uncomfortable, taking care of someone who's been sick, telling the truth about breaking something, etc.) Some of you have even done things like this before! You've been showing faith even when you didn't realize it!

"There are things we are going to be afraid of in life. There's no shame in feeling fear. But remember that your faith can make you even stronger than your fears. You can have faith that God is with you even when you're scared and that you can do the right thing or try again tomorrow. **God can help you face your fears.**"

[Make It Personal] (Share about a time you faced your fears with God's help. Did you befriend someone who was initially an enemy? Did you do something brave to help another person? Did you put aside your fear of looking silly in order to be a good Small Group Leader? Talk with kids about how it felt to face your fears and how God helped you in that situation.)

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an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: FAITH/FEAR signs from "Signs of the Times" activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid their FAITH/FEAR stop sign.
- Direct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Instruct the kids to hold their signs so that the FEAR side is facing out.
- In random order, tell each kid, "[Kid's name], **God can help you face your fears.**"
- Once their name has been said, direct that kid to turn their sign around to the FAITH side.
- When everyone's sign shows "FAITH," close in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, sometimes in our world there's a lot to be scared about. Fear is powerful, and it can be overwhelming for us. Thank You that You know us, that You are with us in the midst of our fears, and You can help us follow You even when we're afraid. Please help us demonstrate faith this week instead of fear. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, send kids home with their signs. Check in with adults about some of the kids' more common fears and talk about how they can encourage their kids to try something new, make friends, etc. this week by using the signs.

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