



WEEK  
**THREE**  
JUNE 2023

SMALL GROUP  
**2-3**

PRELUDE

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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

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God can change the way you see others.

## 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

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## BASIC TRUTH

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## 1. EARLY ARRIVER

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

### 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.



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## MADE TO IMAGINE

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



## 1. FINISH IT! COMIC STRIP

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Finish It!" Comic Strip" Activity Page, pencils, and markers

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Finish It! Comic Strip" Activity Page

and a pencil.

- Set out the markers.
- Lead the kids to review today's Bible story as they add details to each panel of their comic strip following the instructions below.
- Ask the review questions below as they draw.
- Panel 1: God Sends an Angel to Cornelius
  - Point out Cornelius kneeling, listening with the speech bubble that reads, "Send men to Joppa and bring back Peter." Instruct the kids to draw what they think a strong and powerful angel might look like.
  - Ask:
    - What was Cornelius' job? (*He was a commander in the Roman military.*)
    - How did Cornelius feel about the angel's appearance? (*He was scared!*)
    - What did Cornelius do? (*He followed the angel's instructions.*)
- Panel 2: Peter Has a Vision
  - Point out Peter sitting on the roof with the sheet descending toward him from the sky. Have the kids draw the animals considered unclean like a pig, camel, rabbit, vulture, ostrich, and crocodile.
  - Ask:
    - Why was Peter surprised when the voice told him to get up and eat? (*because these animals were considered by Jewish people to be unclean, off limits*)
    - When Peter protested, what did God say? (*"Do not say anything is not pure that God has made 'clean.'" Acts 10:15, NIV*)
- Panel 3: Peter Welcomes Cornelius' Friends
  - Point out the three visitors who came to Peter's home. Have the kids draw Peter talking with them.
  - Ask:
    - What did the men say? (*They told Peter about Cornelius' vision and Peter finally understood that NOTHING—animals or people—that God had made was unclean.*)
- Panel 4: Peter Dines with Cornelius and His Friends
  - Point out Peter and Cornelius and his guests eating around the table. Have the kids draw the food on the table.
  - Ask:
    - Why was Peter having a meal at Cornelius' home a big deal? (*because before this, Jews wouldn't eat in or even enter the homes of non-Jews*)

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## (1. FINISH IT! COMIC STRIP, CONTINUED)

- Panel 5: Peter Baptizes Cornelius' Family and Friends
  - Point out Peter standing with Cornelius in the water. Instruct the kids to draw friends around the shoreline.
  - Ask:
    - Why did Peter baptize Cornelius' family and friends? (*because they put their faith in Jesus and chose to follow Him*)
- Panel 6
  - Lead the kids to fill in the blanks of today's Bottom Line.
  - God can change the way you see others.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Peter, just like the first believers, had heard Jesus say that the good news about Him was for the whole world. But still Peter didn't understand that the whole world meant EVERYONE! It took God's voice from heaven, a vision of a sheet full of animals, and a trip to Cornelius' home to help Peter see things differently.

"The message of Jesus is for everyone. And everyone God made is important to God! Because Peter began to see things differently, all of Cornelius' family and friends began to follow Jesus, too! And the church began to grow and grow and grow! Because **God can change the way you see others.**"

**[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids about a time God changed the way you viewed someone else. Maybe you judged someone based on their appearance then learned that your pre-judgments were inaccurate. If you can, think of an example from when you were a kid.)**



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## MADE TO CREATE

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



## 2. READY, SET, MOVE! STOPLIGHT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Ready, Set, Move! Stoplight" Activity Page; red, yellow, and green markers

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Ready, Set, Move! Stoplight" Activity

Page.

- Point out the three circles and the words inside: Ready, Set, Move!
- Set out the markers.
- Encourage the kids to color the "Ready" circle red, the "Set" circle yellow, and the "Move!" circle green.
- Direct the kids to fill in the blanks next to each stoplight with the following words:
  - Ready: PRAY
  - Set: THINK
  - Move: DO
- Read the scenarios below.
- Point to each of the stoplight colors and ask the corresponding questions as you talk through the scenarios below.
  - (Red light: READY) How would you pray?
  - (Yellow light: SET) What are two things you COULD do?
  - (Green light: MOVE) What WILL you do?

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Scenarios:

1. The kid who sits next to you keeps fidgeting and moving around and his feet keep touching you. You want to push his feet back to his side of the desk.
2. The teacher keeps assigning a type of worksheet you dislike. You want to whine and complain.
3. A kid on the playground calls you a name and everyone laughs. He's trying to be funny, but your feelings are hurt.
4. A lady in your neighborhood hasn't been collecting her mail or bringing in her trash cans. She's kind of grouchy looking, but it looks like she might need some help. (Note: Be sure to remind kids to seek a grown-up's help and permission before engaging with a neighbor they don't already know.)

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Sometimes, we make a judgement about someone like 'she's annoying' or 'he's so mean,' without really thinking it through. God wants us to see others the way GOD sees them. God wants us to show respect and care, even when we want to do the opposite. I think this stoplight can help us stop and pray, to think about what we SHOULD do, then follow through and DO it! Let's get ready, get set, and move to treat others the way we want to be treated, because **God can change the way you see others.**"



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



## 4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Butcher paper and markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Lay the piece of butcher paper in the center of your Small Group area.
- Give the kids a minute to think about a situation where they might feel stuck or unsure.
  - Maybe they're trying to learn a new skill or something at school.
  - Maybe they feel stuck in a friendship with someone who is suddenly being unkind.
- Set out the markers.
- Instruct the kids to write a few words to describe it or draw a picture to illustrate that situation and sign it on the paper in front of them.
- Then direct the kids to pick up the butcher paper and slowly rotate the page (but not themselves) as you count to three.
- After counting to three say, "STOP!"
- Give the kids a few minutes to pray for the situation (person) now in front of them.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"We all feel stuck sometimes. Thankfully, we aren't alone. Read the statement or take a look at the picture in front of you. Let's take a moment to pray for that friend that they'd remember **God is with you even when you feel stuck**. Let's pray. (Give the kids a few moments to pray on their own, then close in prayer.)

"Dear God, thank You for reminding us that everyone can feel stuck sometimes. We can feel unsure about where to go or what to do, especially when we're in a tough situation. Thank You for already knowing about each of these situations. Help us trust that You are with us this week and will help us, always. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their puzzles with the memory verse and talk about how they can put their faith in a God they can't see because **God is with you even when you feel stuck**.

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### Jailbreak

An Angel Helps Peter  
Escape from Prison  
Acts 12:1-19

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