

RAISE YOUR GAME

PLAY WITH CONFIDENCE

WEEK
FOUR
MAY 2023

SMALL GROUP
K-5
STARTER

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



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Video Game Controllers"

WHAT YOU DO:

- Choose one kid to start.
 - Give the each kid a video game controller. To Color

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

All I Ask of You
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Acts 8:26-40

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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MONTHLY VIRTUE

Confidence—Living like you
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BASIC TRUTH

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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



2. BIG QUESTIONS RACE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Big Questions" Activity Page, sticky notes in two colors, pens or pencils, and timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids that you'll read real-life scenarios and you want them to come up with questions that the people in the scenario might ask.
- Divide the room in half.
- Designate half of the kids to be "thinking for the kids."
- Designate the other half of the kids to be "thinking for the adults."
- Direct each team to nominate one or two people as their Writers.
- Direct each team to nominate one or two kids as Runners.
- Assign a color to each team and give the writers that color of sticky notes and a pen or pencil.
- Set a timer for one to two minutes.
- Tell kids they can write as soon as you say, "Go!"
- Read a scenario from the "Big Questions" Activity Page then say, "Go" and start the timer.
- Direct each team to come up with questions each character might have been wondering from the perspective of either a "kid" or "adult". Write each question on a different sticky note.
- Some example questions are:
 - Why would that person act that way?
 - Why can't I just do what I want?
 - Why can't I do anything right?
 - Why can't kids be kinder to each other?
 - What's wrong with that other kid?
- After the first three scenarios, invite kids to switch roles. Those who were thinking for the kids can now think for the adults and vice-versa.
- When a question has been written on a sticky note, direct a runner to run and stick the sticky note to a designated space in the room.
- When the runner returns, they can run the next question.
- The team that has the most questions on sticky notes at the end, wins!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You came up with some amazing questions! (*Read a few great questions out loud.*) When we ask questions, it helps us understand each other and our situation better. And even though we might not know the answer to every question, just asking questions often brings us closer together and makes our relationships stronger.

"That's true for us and God, too. God loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. God is not scared when we have questions. God invites us to ask anything that's on our mind! Sometimes, we'll get an answer, and sometimes



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(2. BIG QUESTIONS RACE, CONTINUED)

we won't. Sometimes we can ask a safe, trusted adult to help us with our questions, and sometimes there are answers we aren't ready to hear. There are so many different types of questions, but no matter what, you can know that God is right there with you as you ask them. Remember, **God is with you even when you have questions."**

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3. CONFIDENCE!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Direct the kids to stand in a circle facing each other.
- Look up Hebrews 13:6a and read it out loud to the group.
- Start the memory verse by saying the first word.
- Direct the next kid in the circle to say the next word in the memory verse.
- If a kid doesn't know the next word, or says the incorrect word, instruct them to sit down.
- Continue saying the words from the verse until the final word is said.
- After the full verse is said out loud, instruct the next kid in the circle to shout, "Confidence," make their best confident pose, then sit down.
- Continue to play until there is only one kid standing, and they're the winner!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You all did an amazing job of practicing our memory verse! My favorite part was when we got to say CONFIDENCE! Because that's what this verse is all about! We can have confidence because we know God is there to help us. We don't have to live afraid! God is with you, always. God is with you when you need a friend. God is with you when you make mistakes. God is with you when you're feeling lonely. And **God is with you even when you have questions.**"

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for personal processing
and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: "CHAT with God" Activity Pages

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Tell the kids that you'll lead them in a CHAT with God.
- Remind the kids of the letter C, which you talked about the first week, stands for "Confess," and we confess when we tell God the wrong things we've done or said and ask for forgiveness.
- The letter H stands for "Honor," and it's for telling God all the great things we're thankful for and giving honor to God for those things.
- The letter A stands for "Ask," in which we bring our requests to God and ask for help in difficult situations or for wisdom to do the right thing.
- Share that this week you're going to continue the CHAT with the letter T, which stands for "Thank God."
- Encourage the kids to spend time thanking God for every good thing in their lives!
- Give each kid a "CHAT with God" Activity Page to take home and remind them to chat with God!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This whole month, we've been practicing having a CHAT with God! Does anyone remember what the C in CHAT stands for? (*Invite responses.*) That's right! 'C' stands for 'Confess to God.' We can have confidence that God will love us, no matter what we're going through. God loves us and wants to help us live a life that shows Jesus.

"What about H? (*Invite responses.*) 'H' stands for 'Honor God.' We can have confidence in exactly who God is! We can honor God by talking about things and Scripture that shows who God is.

"Do you remember what the 'A' stands for? (*Invite responses.*) 'A' stands for 'Ask God.' This is when we ask God about things that are in our hearts! Just like any person, it's important to build our relationship with them first before we ask for something.

"Today, we'll finish with the letter T! 'T' stands for 'Thank God.' It's always a good idea to end our prayers by thanking God for everything because God has been so good to us.

"God is so good. There's so much to thank God for. God loves us so much and welcomes all of our questions. We never have to hide what we wonder about from God! We can also thank God for giving us trusted people in our lives like parents, teachers, and other adults, who we can go to when we're confused or

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uncertain. No matter what, we know that we can have confidence that God is always with us, and we can trust God with our questions.

“What are some things that you’re thankful for? (*Invite responses.*) You can thank God for answers to prayers, things you see in nature, family, and even small things that make you happy in your life. You can also thank God for letting us ask anything because **God is with you even when you have questions.** Let’s pray!

“God, thank You for everything You’ve done. Thank You for sending us Jesus who died on the cross for our sins. Thank You for sending us Your Holy Spirit who is our helper in every situation. Thank You for loving us, forgiving us, and letting us ask You any question in our hearts. Thank You for our church, our families, and for all the blessings You’ve given us. We love You, and we thank You. In Jesus’ name we ask these things, amen!”

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to share their “CHAT with God” Activity Pages and explain that God loves when we chat and pray!