



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 2023

SMALL GROUP
K-5
STARTER

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids in the center of the room.
- Play a game of "Would You Rather?"
- Direct kids to run to one side of the room or the other depending on their answer.
- Here are some ideas. Would you rather:
 - Be stuck outside in the cold or in the heat?
 - Swim through JELL-O® or walk through glue?
 - Wait for Christmas or wait for summer vacation?
 - Have your hands stuck together or your lips stuck together?
 - Be without your device for a day inside or be alone for a day outside?
 - Get zipped inside a sleeping bag or stranded in a kayak?
- If time allows, let some of the older kids make up their own "would you rather" scenarios for the group to respond to.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Jailbreak

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

"All of these had something to do with feeling stuck. *[Transition]* In our Bible story, we'll hear about someone who was really, really stuck where he was and what happened next."

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God is with you even when you feel stuck.

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, NIRV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

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



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* 1. ALL THE DOORS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "All the Doors" Activity Pages, coloring materials, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid an "All the Doors" Activity Page.
- Guide kids to orient the page landscape style and fold on the dotted lines, keeping the rectangles visible.
- Help kids cut three sides of each rectangle, leaving the left vertical line intact (make a "door" of sorts).
- Direct the kids to fold the doors back so they're "open."
- Set out the coloring materials.
- Instruct the kids to choose then draw scenes from the Bible story inside each door.
- For example:
 - King Herod sending soldiers to put Christians in prison.
 - Peter being put into prison.
 - Peter and the angel talking in prison.
 - Peter and the angel leaving through the open gates.
 - The church praying for Peter.
 - Rhoda talking through the door to Peter.
 - Peter and the church together.
 - The empty prison and the Roman guards.
- When kids are finished, invite them to explain their scenes to the rest of the group.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"There were actually a lot of doors in our Bible story! The thing about doors is that they let you out or in if you're stuck somewhere. Who experienced being stuck in our Bible story? (Peter, the church members, even Rhoda when they wouldn't believe her) Some of the people were actually stuck in one place, like Peter, and others felt like they were stuck in one feeling or emotion, like worry or anger.

"Have you ever been stuck in one place? (Let kids share—expect some stories from the 2020 quarantine among other experiences.)

"Have you ever felt stuck in an emotion? (Let kids share but be ready to intervene if they get too focused on negative emotions like anger or worry.)

"When you feel trapped in a thought or feeling, remember **God is with you even when you feel stuck.** You can ask God for help any time!"



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SMALL GROUP
2-3

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



*3. MEMORY VERSE PUZZLE [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Hebrews 11:1 Puzzle" Activity Pages, Bibles, zipper bags

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Bible.
- Together, look up Hebrews 11:1 and review the verse with the navigation tips below.

***Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders:** 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, lead them to find "Hebrews" in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find Hebrews, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Hebrews. Help the kids find the page. When they find Hebrews, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 11. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 1 in chapter 11.*

- Give each kid a zipper bag of "Hebrews 11:1 Puzzle" pieces.
- Instruct the kids to put the puzzle together then read through the memory verse on the puzzle.
- Encourage the kids to place their puzzle pieces back into their bags to take home.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Have you ever faced something hard—like trying to figure out how to tie your shoes or learn multiplication tables—and it felt like a piece of a puzzle that just wouldn't fit? (*Invite responses.*) When you look at just one piece of this puzzle, you can't see the whole thing. Sometimes when hard things happen, you might feel stuck or unsure of what to do. I have some good news. God DOES see the big picture. God knows what will happen and is in control. God understands how the hard things, the pieces that don't make sense, fit into the bigger picture of our lives. We can put our faith and trust in God always because God loves us. Faith is trusting, even when we can't see. Even if it feels like it, you are never alone, because **God is with you even when you feel stuck.**"

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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: "God Is with You" Activity Pages and glue sticks

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give every kid four "God Is with You" strips.
- Read the Bottom Line together. **God is with you even when you feel stuck.**
- Show kids how to wrap the strips into loops and glue them in place to create paper chains.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Even when Peter was chained and in prison, he was SO sure that God was with him that he WENT TO SLEEP! When you feel stuck, remember Peter. Remember how God broke his chains and set him free. And remember that **God is with you even when you feel stuck.** Let's pray. (Guide kids to hold the paper chains as you pray.)

"Dear God, thank You that You are with us even when we feel stuck. Thank You that even when we feel stuck, You are NEVER stuck! You are ALWAYS with us! We love You SO much, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to show their paper chains and share today's Bottom Line. **God is with you even when you feel stuck.** Encourage kids to tell their families Peter's AMAZING story.

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