



PLAY WITH
CONFIDENCE

WEEK
TWO
MAY 2023

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When have you needed help?
- When you need help, from whom do you typically seek help first?
- How do you know when the Holy Spirit is guiding you?
- Do you ever hesitate to rely on God for help? Why or why not?
- How can believing the Holy Spirit is here to help you, build your confidence?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Level Up

The Holy Spirit
Comes at Pentecost
Acts 2:1-41

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When have you needed help?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God sent the Holy Spirit
to help you.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"So we say with confidence,
'The Lord is my helper;
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Hebrews 13:6a, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Confidence—Living like you
believe God is with you

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



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25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared "Verse Pellets" Activity Page, masking or painter's tape, oversized die, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use masking tape to create a large maze-like path on the floor of your group space.
- Evenly distribute the prepared "Verse Pellets," face down, throughout the maze (in order to look like a Pac-Man game).
- Choose a volunteer to go first. They will roll the oversized die. Whatever number the die lands on, they will hop that many pellets forward.
- They will "eat" the pellet they land on by picking it up and coming back to the group.
- Choose another kid to go next, and repeat this process until everyone has had a turn to "eat" a pellet.
 - (In order to give everyone a chance to eat a pellet, unlike in a Pac-Man game, kids will only eat the final pellet they land on, not the ones they come across on their way.)
- After everyone has gotten a pellet, hand out Bibles and instruct kids to look up the verse listed on the pellet they "ate."

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***Finding verses with 4th-5th graders:** Ask kids to tell you whether their verse is in the Old Testament or the New Testament. If they answer Old, we know it's towards the front of the Bible, and if they answer New it's towards the back. When they find their book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find their chapter. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to them find their verse underneath that chapter.*

- Let kids take turns reading their verses out loud for the group, and allow time for discussion.
- Ask questions to spark conversation such as:
 - Which of these verses stands out to you?
 - Put one of the verses in your own words.
 - Do any of the verses not make sense to you?
- Encourage kids to pick a verse that felt particularly meaningful to them so they can think about it throughout the week ahead. They can either write it down on a piece of paper, make a note in their phone if they have one, or take one of the circles home with them.
- Explain that we have God's Word as a way for God to be here with us always.



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for personal processing
and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Virtual Reality Controls" Activity Page, pens or pencils, *Optional: A virtual reality headset

WHAT YOU DO:

- If you brought a VR headset, hold it up for kids to see.

If you do not have a headset to show kids, hold up a copy of the "Virtual Reality Controls" Activity Page.

- Ask kids these questions, and call on volunteers to answer:
 - Does anyone know what this is? (*Virtual Reality Headset*)
 - How do you use it in order to play a video game? (*You can strap it to your head and place the goggles over your eyes. This allows you to see the game you are playing in a way that makes you feel as if you are IN the game.*)
 - What makes this type of controller so special? How is it different from other kinds of controllers? (*This allows you to be immersed in what you see in order to experience the game in a whole new way. It is the only kind of controller you place over your eyes, which gives you a unique perspective.*)
 - What was today's Bottom Line? (*God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.*)
- Explain that God gave us the Holy Spirit as a way of promising to always be with us. When we have the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us, it's like wearing a headset that allows us to see things in a whole new way.
- Prompt kids to think about how they have been able to see the Holy Spirit work in their lives. Maybe they had a big test or a performance and felt peace as they took on the challenge. Or maybe they were having a hard time getting along with a sibling and were able to maintain self-control and patience while interacting with this sibling.
- Instruct them to write this down on their "Virtual Reality Controls" Activity Page.
- Allow kids to spend a moment in prayer, thanking God for the Holy Spirit's presence.
- Close in prayer for your group.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God,

Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us. Thank You for those specific times where we are able to look back and see how You were with us, guiding us along the way. Help us to recognize and acknowledge how You are continuing to work in our lives. We love You. Amen."

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