



PLAY WITH
CONFIDENCE

WEEK
THREE
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:

- Why is it sometimes difficult to make decisions?
- When have you felt under pressure?
- How can believing God is with you give you confidence?
- Is it easier to remember that God is with you when things are going well or when things are going badly?
- What can you do to remind yourself that God is with you no matter what?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Under Pressure

Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin
Acts 3:1–4:21

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When have you felt under pressure?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God is with you no matter what.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"So we say with confidence,
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Hebrews 13:6a, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Confidence—Living like you believe God is with you

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



4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Painted and dried rocks from the "Opening Activity," white board, dry erase marker, permanent markers, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Write a few of the following verse references on the white board:
 - Matthew 1:23
 - Matthew 28:30
 - Joshua 1:9
 - Psalm 118:6
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16
 - 1 John 4:13
 - Psalm 54:4
 - Deuteronomy 31:8
 - Isaiah 41:10
 - Psalm 23:4
 - Revelation 21:3
 - Galatians 2:20
- Hand out Bibles and assign each kid a verse to look up. (Multiple kids can look up the same verse, or you can pair them up to look up verses together.)
- Once everyone has looked up their verses, let them take turns reading it out loud for the group.
- Encourage kids to listen and choose one that they identify with or that stands out to them.
- Hand out their painted rocks from the "Opening Activity" as well as permanent markers. Give them time to write on their rock the reference to the verse they chose.
- Encourage kids to take their rocks home and place them in their bedrooms where they can see them. Explain that their rocks can be a nightly reminder before they fall asleep that God is with them.

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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: "Joystick Controls" Activity Page, pens
or pencils, *Optional: joystick controller*

WHAT YOU DO:

- If you brought a joystick controller, hold it up for kids to see. If you do not have a joystick to show kids, hold up a copy of the "Joystick Controls" Activity Page.
- Ask kids these questions and call on volunteers to answer:
 - Does anyone know what this is? (*Joystick controller*)
 - How do you use it in order to play a video game? (*You can use it to steer your player in the direction you want them to go on the screen.*)
 - What makes this type of controller so special? How is it different from other kinds of controllers? (*The square base stays in place, while the stick can move in all different directions in the hands of the player. The advantage of a joystick is the ability to provide quick interaction between the player and what happens in the game.*)
- Tell kids that God is our base. God never changes, is always with us, and remains constant through every turn we face in life.
- Give kids a chance to think of specific decisions they may be currently facing.
 - Are they choosing which friends to hang out with or which friends to hang out with less?
 - Are they choosing where to go for the summer, be it with a relative or another parent than the one they live with?
- Instruct them to write these things down on their "Joystick Controls" Activity Page.
- Remind kids that God is with us through every single big decision, as well as every little decision. God is with us no matter what, and we can have confidence in knowing that.
- Encourage kids to pray throughout the week about whatever they wrote on their paper.
- Close the group in prayer, praying specifically for what your kids wrote on their sheet and anything else they shared.

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