



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 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:

- If someone asked you what it means to have faith, what would you say?
- Sometimes problems bring people closer to God and other times it makes them pull away by ignoring God, not praying, or not coming to church. What are some reasons you can think of for those reactions?
- What are some of the biggest challenges you face when you're in a sticky situation?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Jailbreak

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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What does it feel like to be stuck?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God is with you even when
you feel stuck.

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

Faith—Trusting in what
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an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



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

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, index cards, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give kids a card and a marker.
- Instruct kids to draw a shape on the card such as a circle, square, etc.
- Collect the cards then shuffle and redistribute in no particular order. Make sure each kid has a new card and not their own.
- Challenge kids to use the shape on the card to create a simple picture.
- Wait until everyone has completed their drawing, then invite them to share the shape they started with and the picture they completed.
- Ask kids to look up and read Philippians 2:13 in their bibles.

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Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.

- Connect the activity and the verse by explaining that just like everyone started with a shape and transformed the shape into creative pictures, God is doing the work of transforming us into the character of Jesus. God has a plan for each of us, and will help us until it is completed.
- Ask:
 - What does this verse mean to you, in your own words?
 - What are some ways God might use a sticky or difficult situation in your life?
 - How does knowing God is at work in you help you face a problem or tough time?
 - Sometimes we think that if God loved us, He would make all of our sticky situations go away. Why do you think God lets us go through tough stuff?
- Remind kids that God uses our sticky situations to grow our faith.
- Challenge each kid to insert their name in the verse as you read it in your preferred translation. For example, in the NIV it would go like this: "God is working in (insert name). He wants (insert name as possessive noun) plans and (insert name as possessive noun) acts to fulfill his good purpose."



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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: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Review the Bible stories from previous weeks to remind kids of faith challenges discussed this month (below).
 - Week 1: Paul Becomes a Believer
 - Week 2: Ananias Helps Paul
 - Week 3: Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius
 - Week 4: An Angel Helps Peter Escape from Prison
- Encourage the group to share one challenge they took away from this month's focus on faith.
- Read each week's Bottom Line, then pause to let kids pray silently or be led by those who are willing to pray aloud.
- Before moving on to the next Bottom Line, offer a short prayer asking God's help in each particular challenge.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

Week 1: Knowing Jesus changes how you see things.

"Dear God, help us know You better and better as we read the Bible and learn from those who love and follow You."

Week 2: God can help you face your fears.

"Dear God, give us strong faith to trust You're with us when we are afraid and the courage to obey when we're scared."

Week 3: God can change the way you see others.

"Dear God, we need Your help to see others the way You see them and to treat them the way we want to be treated."

Week 4: God is with you even when you feel stuck.

"Dear God, help us remember that You have a plan for us and will use even our most sticky situations to make our faith in You stronger."