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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:**

- What are some BIG problems that seem impossible to solve?
- What's the response when kids your age come up with BIG ideas or solutions? How do people react, and what do they say? What do you wish would happen?
- Have you or any of your friends come up with a BIG idea that would help someone else in need—especially in another part of the world? What can you do and who else could help? (*Come up with some action steps as a group*).
- What are some of the things you're good at or that you enjoy, that you could use to help solve problems around you?

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### Change the World

Joseph and the Plan to Save Egypt  
Genesis 40–41

## TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How have you seen someone solve a problem?

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can use what God gave you to solve problems.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10, NIRV

## MONTHLY VIRTUE

Creativity—Using your imagination to do something new

## BASIC TRUTH

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## MADE TO CREATE

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, "Scribbles" Activity Page, pens, art supplies

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid a copy of "Scribbles" Activity Page.

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- Ask:
  - If the messy drawing on the "Scribbles" page represented one big problem every person faced, what might that problem be?
  - How can our humanness be a problem? *(It keeps us from having a good relationship with God. Because God is perfect and we're not, our imperfectness will always get in the way of us and God.)*
- Tell kids that for some problems there may be more than one solution. However, when it comes to the problem of us needing to be saved, there's only one solution.
- Invite kids to look up Acts 4:12.

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.

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- Point out that even though we have a broken relationship with God, God gave us a solution to our problem. Because of Jesus, we can have a forever relationship with God.
- Ask:
  - What did Jesus do to solve our problem? *(Died for us, and God raised Him back to life)*
- Challenge kids to write a few words inside the loops and swirls on their page that express what Acts 4:12 means to them. They can choose key words from the verse or simple phrases of their own that summarize the meaning.
- When finished with their simple summaries, invite them to use the art supplies you've provided to color the sections of the design in different colors to create a work of art.

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



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

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index cards, pens

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to write their name on one side of an index card.
- If they're willing, encourage them to share with the group a problem they or someone they know is facing. They can also write this as a prayer request on the back of their index cards.
- Ask kids to exchange cards three times.
- Remind kids that EVERYONE has a problem they are facing. Sometimes the problems can seem too big to solve. But God is bigger than any problem. We can take our problems to God and ask for help, wisdom, and comfort when we don't know what to do.
- Take a few minutes for kids to pray for the person whose card they hold. If there were no requests shared, direct kids to pray in a general way for their friends.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Dear God, thank You that we can come to You with our problems and know that You hear us. You are in charge of everything, so we know that You see us and that nothing happens that You don't know about. Show us the strengths and the abilities You've given us to help others when they are facing a problem. Help us to take notice and step in when we can. In Jesus' name, amen."

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