



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Places You Go Cards" Activity Page, dry erase board, dry erase marker, dry eraser or paper towels, and timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Shuffle the "Places You Go Cards."
- Place the stack of cards face down.
- Call on a kid to go first.
- Direct the kid to choose a card from the stack and draw that place on the board.
- Instruct the rest of the group to guess the location the kid is drawing.
- Set a timer for one minute for each round.
 - If a kid guesses the place correctly, direct the kid who guessed correctly to be the next drawer.
 - If no one guesses before time runs out, allow the drawing kid to give a few verbal hints until someone guesses correctly.
- Wipe off the board.
- Repeat the game with the remaining cards.
- Set these cards aside to use for "The Places You'll Go" activity after Large Group.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Keeping the Faith

Daniel's Integrity with Food
Daniel 1

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Do what's right
wherever you are.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Anyone who lives without blame walks away safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught."
Proverbs 10:9, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Integrity—Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job, everybody! Some of you are excellent drawers and some are great guessers! What do all of these things we drew and guessed have in common? (Invite responses.) Yes, they're all places we can go to! **[Transition]** In our Bible story today, we'll hear about something we need to do, no matter where we go. Follow me."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



WHAT'S INSIDE MATTERS MOST

WEEK THREE OCTOBER 2023

SMALL GROUP K-1

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



2. TIME FOR LUNCH! [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Non-wax coated paper plates and crayons or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids that sometimes it's hard to make the right choice and in today's story, Daniel knew that eating the king's food would go against what God wanted. Ask kids if they think it was easy for Daniel to go against what the king wanted him to eat. Give each kid a paper plate. Set out the markers. Instruct the kids to create a meal with whatever they want to eat for lunch by drawing their lunch choices on their plate. After they've had some time to draw, invite anyone who wants, to share what they drew. Ask: Did you think about drawing only healthy foods or did you choose whatever you wanted? What would you change if you were reminded to eat healthy foods like meats, vegetables, and fruits? (Refer back to your poster from "Early Arriver.") Invite kids to change their choices by putting an "X" on foods they would remove from their lunch and draw in healthier choices. Ask: What foods did you take away? What did you add? Why?

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Our Bible story was about Daniel's food choices, but it's hard to make good choices in all sorts of places. It can especially be hard when the people around you aren't making good decisions.

"It's not easy to do what's right wherever you are. But we need to remember that we can always talk to God! When times are super tough, that's when we really need to ask God for help! When you realize you may not be making a good decision, pause to talk to God and ask for help to stand up for what's right. Then make the right choice!"



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



2. THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "People You're with Cards" Activity Page and "Places You Go Cards" Activity Page (from "Opening Activity")

WHAT YOU DO:

- Shuffle the "People You're with Cards" and the "Places You Go Cards," keeping them in separate piles.
- Place both piles in the center of your group.
- Direct the kids to choose a partner.
- Instruct each pair to select one card from the "People You're with Cards" stack and one card from the "Places You Go Cards" stack.
- Instruct pairs to come up with an example of someone NOT showing integrity that includes that person and place.
 - For example: If they drew the "brother" card and "playground" card, they might say, "You told your brother the swing was broken so you could swing on it first."
- After a few minutes of brainstorming, invite the pairs to share their scenarios with the group.
- Instruct the remaining kids to discuss the scenario and come up with how to change the action so the person is making a choice that DOES show integrity.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Maybe you've never thought about all the places you go during the week. But in all of these places and with all of these different people, you have choices to make. Choices that will help or hurt you. Choices that matter.

"Doing what's right is ALWAYS best—no matter where you go or who you're with. It can be tempting to go along with the crowd, to do what everyone else is doing. Choosing integrity—being truthful with our words and actions—is always the wise choice. And the good news is that God will help you do what's right, no matter where you go! You can ask God to help you **do what's right wherever you are.**"

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WHAT'S INSIDE
MATTERS MOST

WEEK
THREE
OCTOBER 2023

SMALL GROUP
2-3

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

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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: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a tight circle.
- Ask the kids to think of one place they'll go this week.
- Close your group time in prayer. Explain that you'll pause during the prayer and when you do, encourage the kids to call out the place they thought of.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"We've talked today about how God will help you **do what's right wherever you are**. It might be easy for you to do what's right at church, when you're surrounded by friends who are also trying to live with integrity. But it might be REALLY hard to do what's right when you're hanging out with a certain group of kids who don't know about trusting and following Jesus. No matter where you go, and no matter who you're with, God is WITH you. God is ready to help you make choices that help instead of hurt. So let's pray and ask God to help us! When I pause during the prayer, say the place you've thought of out loud. Ready? Let's pray.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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"Dear God, thank You for always hearing us when we pray. This week, when we go to *(Pause as kids name their place.)*, help us to do what's right, even when it's hard, even if we're the ONLY one making the right choice. Remind us that You are with us and You will help us live with integrity. We love You God, and we trust that Your way is the best way. We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their dough creations and talk about how just like Daniel, you can **do what's right wherever you are**.

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