



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Lead the group to play the game, "20 Questions."
- Call on a kid volunteer to think of an item the kids would recognize that's non-specific.
 - For example: they can choose a car but not, "My mom's red car."
- Instruct them just to think of the item and not share it out loud with the rest of the group.
- One at a time, invite the rest of the kids to take turns asking up to 20 questions that can be answered with a "yes" or "no" to try and guess the item.
- Designate the first kid to guess the correct item to be the next kid to think of an item and answer questions.
- If the group can't figure out the item after 20 questions, allow the kid answering the questions to give clues, one at a time, until someone guesses correctly.
- Play as many rounds as time and interest allow.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

All About Soul

Think About These Things
Philippians 4:8

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Some of those were tricky! In this game, you had to think about an item or questions and clues. **[Transition]** In our Bible story today, we'll talk about how we need to think about the things we focus on! Come with me!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Focus on what's true.

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.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

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



* 1. FIX THAT ENGINE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Fix that Engine" Activity Page, Bible, and pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Help one of the kids turn to the Bible marked at

Philippians 4:8.

- Read the verse out loud.
- Give each kid a "Fix that Engine" Activity Page and a pencil.
- Read the verse again, pointing out the words on the Activity Page.
- Invite the kids to be the mechanic to "fix" the engine on the sheet by finding their way through the maze, touching the words in order of the verse, so that they fix all the parts correctly.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job! A great mechanic needs great instructions! I'm so thankful God has given us some great help in the Bible! God tells us what to focus on in order to build a good life.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Focus on what's true.

"What we think about is so important. God wants us to think about things that are true, noble, pure, and right! The Bible tells us how much God loves us. The Bible tells us God sent Jesus to be our friend forever. God wants us to think about what is true so that we remember these things. God tells us what to think about in Philippians 4:8. Philippians 4:8 helps us **focus on what's true!**"

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[Make It Personal] (Tell about a time you were focusing on something that was really hard. Maybe a time that had you thinking about how nervous you were. Share how focusing on God and the truth that God was with you helped. Share how you focused on what's right, and it helped you face the situation knowing God is always with you.)

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WHAT'S INSIDE
MATTERS MOST

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FIVE
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. OUR MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Our Maintenance Checklist" Activity
Page and pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid an "Our Maintenance Checklist" Activity Page and a pencil.
- Tell kids that mechanics often have a checklist of things they have to check on a car to be sure all the parts are working correctly so the car will run well.
- One by one, read through the checklist of things from Philippians 4:8 that we should think of.
- Offer ideas to guide kids with each item.
 - True: God made you. God loves you. God will always forgive you when you ask. God will always be with you.
 - Noble, Right, Pure: Spend time with people who help you make good choices. Learn about people in the Bible who showed love to others.
 - Lovely, Worthy of Respect (Lovely, Admirable - NIV): Things or people that you love.
 - Excellent, Worthy of Praise (Excellent, Praiseworthy - NIV): Using the gifts (things you're good at) well.
- Invite kids to draw pictures that will help them remember what they should focus on so they can become more like Jesus.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God has given us a checklist of things to think about in our lives! Philippians 4:8 can help us know how to live and what to focus our thoughts on. The more we think about these things that God says are important, the better we are able to **focus on what's true** and make good choices that allow people to see God in us!"



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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 circle.
- Tell kids you're going to pray for each of them.
- Going around the circle, use what you know about each kid to say a special prayer out loud for each kid.
- Be sure not to reveal anything they wouldn't want shared but to pray in a positive way that God would help them and be with them so that others will see God at work in them.
- When you're finished, close your group time with one closing prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You that You want us to build our lives on what is true. Help us think about what is true and right and good. We want to think like You want us to think so our minds are in line with Your love and goodness. Please teach us how to **focus on what's true**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show off their creative cars they made without any directions from the "Opening Activity." Ask kids to share where God has given us instructions (in the Bible) so we know to **focus on what's true**.

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