



WEEK
FOUR

OCTOBER 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:

- Share a story about someone in your life who has helped you see God by making wise choices.
- When it comes to making the wise choice, what would you say are some of the most important choices kids make? What can you do to make sure you make those choices well so you can help others see God?
- The integrity of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego impacted Nebuchadnezzar and his whole kingdom. How might your life impact those around you this week?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

We Didn't Start the Fire

Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego
Daniel 3

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When has someone
helped you see God?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

When you do what's right,
others can see God.

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
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4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give six pennies to each kid.
- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up Proverbs 14:2 using the Bible Navigation tips below.

***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. (Old) 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. 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.*

- Invite a volunteer to read Proverbs 14:2.
- Ask:
 - In what ways is honesty an indication of respect for God? And how might dishonesty show disrespect for God?
 - In the "Six-Penny Challenge," one penny impacted all the others. How does

respect for God impact you in other ways beyond honesty?

- Like the pennies, how do the things you say and do affect others when you have respect for God?

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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: Dominoes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Sit in a circle with the kids.
- Give each kid a domino.
- Say: "Like we talked about last week, integrity is simply making one wise choice and then another and another . . . sort of like a long line of dominoes that keeps going. We'll be using the dominoes again as a reminder that our choices can also have an effect on others by helping them see God."
- Invite kids to pray aloud, thanking God for the people who have helped them see God and to ask for help to do the same for others.
 - If some kids are uncomfortable praying aloud, encourage them to pray silently.
- When they finish praying, direct the kids to set their domino on the floor in front them to indicate they're done.
- When everyone has prayed, instruct them to set up the dominoes in a circle on a hard surface.
- Invite the kids to start a chain reaction by knocking down one of the dominoes and watch as the others are impacted.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for the people in the Bible who help us see You. Thank You for the people in our life today who also help us see You. We know that we can do that, too. When we choose to act and speak in ways that please You, it affects those around us just like one falling domino affects all the others around it. When we struggle with being honest this week, help us remember to ask You for help. You promise to give us what we need to always stand strong and trust You. We love You. Amen."