



WEEK
FOUR
MARCH 2024

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 with others and build on their understanding



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What does it feel like when someone doesn't keep their promise?
- Why are promises important?
- What does the word "Savior" mean?
- Why does it mean to have a relationship with God?
- How do you know God loves you?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Take You at Your Word

Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Why are promises important?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus came to be our Savior.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."

John 3:16, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Easter—Celebrating that Jesus is alive

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

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, pencils, "Power Prophets" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to get into pairs and sit together.
- Hand each pair of kids a Bible, a pencil, and a copy of the "Power Prophets" Activity Page.
- Instruct the pairs to work together to look up the verses on the "Power Prophets" Activity Page and answer the corresponding questions.
- Once every pair of kids has finished, call on different pairs to read the verses out loud and answer the questions.
- After reviewing the verses and questions, ask:
 - Who were the prophets we learned about in these verses? (*Micah, Zechariah, Isaiah, and Nathan*)
 - Why is it important to consider what the prophets said about Jesus?
 - How does it make you feel when you think about how God kept the promises to send a Savior?
- Use a Bible to look up John 3:16 and read it to the group.
- Invite the group to come up with a creative way to remember this verse.

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Answer Key:

1. Micah 5:2 - Israel; Bethlehem
2. Isaiah 9:6-7 - Wonderful Adviser, Mighty God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince Who Brings Peace (Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace)
3. Zechariah 9:9-10 - Donkey (donkey's colt); peace
4. 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-13 - Nathan; forever
5. John 3:16 - Jesus; eternal



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

WHAT YOU NEED: "Prayer Palms" Activity Page, scissors, and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Ask these questions and let kids take turns sharing their answers:
 - When and where do you like to pray?
 - Is it challenging to make time for prayer?
- Give each kid a copy of the "Prayer Palms" Activity Page, a marker, and a pair of scissors.
- Instruct the kids to spread out.
- Direct the kids to cut out the palm branches on the "Prayer Palms" Activity Page.
- Invite the kids to write down different things they want to pray about on the fronds of the leaf.
 - Share that their prayers can be about anything. They can write down prayers for themselves or other people. They can write things they want to thank God for.
 - Remind kids that prayer is simply a conversation with God, and they can talk about anything.
- After kids have finished working on their "Prayer Palms," encourage them to take them home to use as a reminder to pray in the days ahead.
- Remind the kids the palm branch can be a symbol of the promises kept by God, which reminds us that God loves us.
- Close your group time in prayer.

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