



WEEK
THREE
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES



TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Build Your Kingdom Here
Ezra and the
Rebuilding of the Temple
Ezra 3:10-13

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What is something that took longer than you wanted it to?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Celebrate each step of the way.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up."
Proverbs 17:22, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Joy—Choosing to celebrate what God is doing

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW] WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:
Ask:

- What's your favorite way to celebrate and worship God?
- If someone said to you, "I don't have anything to be joyful about," what would you say to help them realize that they do?
- What is something that took longer than you wanted it to? How might it help in those situations to celebrate small steps of progress along the way and thank God for them?



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

WHAT YOU NEED: Water bottle timers from "Verses to Take with You"

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to use the sand or salt timers they made earlier to time their prayers.
- Give kids a prayer prompt (some ideas below) then invite them to turn their water bottle timers over and pray until the sand or salt falls from the top to the bottom. Repeat as time and interest allow.
 - Thank God for a small accomplishment you completed recently.
 - Pray for help to be watchful for ways God shows up in your life.
 - Pray to say thank You for something big God has done for you, your family, or someone you know.
 - Think about how much God loves you, and the way God sent Jesus to rescue us.
 - Pray about something you love most about God and want to celebrate.
- Close your group time in prayer, encouraging kids to be on the lookout for evidence of God's love and care each day this week.