



WEEK  
**ONE**  
MAY 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:

- How can you hear from God?
- How can you know when you are hearing from God or another voice?
- How can reading about Jesus' life help you hear from God?
- What gets in the way of spending time reading the Bible?
- Is it possible to hear from God in ways other than reading the Bible?

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Light My Way**  
God's Word Is a Light  
Psalm 119:105

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Practice hearing from God.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice

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### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



## 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, dry erase boards, dry erase markers; *Optional: Timer or timer app*

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Ask each team to choose a volunteer to look up this month's memory verse.
- Give each team's volunteer a Bible and direct them to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below.

***Finding verses with 4th-5th graders:** Our verse is from 1 Timothy. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (New) So we know it's toward the back of the Bible. When they find 1 Timothy, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 4. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to then find verse 8 in chapter 4.*

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- Direct each team to form a parallel line with plenty of space between each team.
  - The kids with the Bibles should be at one end of their team's line.
  - At the other end of each line, place a dry erase board and dry erase marker.
- Explain that when you say, "Go!" the kid on each team with the Bible will whisper the first word of 1 Timothy 4:8 into the ear of the person next to them. That person will whisper the word to the person next to them and so on. Once the word reaches the kid at the other end, they will use the dry erase marker to write the word on the board.
- After the word is written on the board, they will run to the opposite side of their line near the Bible. Everyone in the line should shift accordingly, so that a new person is now at the white board.
- The kid who is now at the Bible will look to see what the second word of the verse is to whisper it to the next person in line. The word should continue down the line until it reaches the board.
- Continue this way, shifting the lines, until every word of 1 Timothy 4:8 has been written on the board. *(The reference, 1 Timothy 4:8, can be considered one word.)*
- The team to complete the entire verse on the board first is the winning team.
- *If your group is smaller, this can be played with all kids in one single line to write the verse, rather than as a race against two teams. Race against the clock if time allows!*
- Once the game has ended, ask the following questions for discussion:
  - What does this verse have to do with commitment?
  - What is something you are committed to or would like to commit to?



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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



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

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Scripture Prayers" Activity Page, pens or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to sit together in your group space.
- Explain how prayers are written throughout scripture. Many Bible verses are prayers to God that people wrote.
  - For example, Psalm 119:105 was written as a prayer, thanking God for how God's Word brings us light.
- Give each kid a copy of the "Scripture Prayers" Activity Page and a pen or pencil.
- Before you begin reading, encourage kids to listen to each verse and circle any of the prayers that stand out to them.
  - Explain that this could mean a verse resonates with them for some reason, and they may want to use it as guidance for their own prayer time later.
- Ask for volunteers to take turns reading each of the verses on the Activity Page out loud for the entire group.
- After all the verses have been read out loud, invite kids to spread out and find a place to pray silently.
  - Encourage them to use the verses they circled to guide what they pray about. They can also talk to God about anything in their life they may be committed to right now. They can spend time asking God for help with their commitment.
- After everyone has had several minutes to pray silently, close by saying a prayer for the entire group.

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