



WEEK
THREE
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:

- Who do you talk to about God?
- What kinds of things can you say about God?
- Is it difficult for you to talk to others about God? Why or why not?
- How can you overcome a fear of talking to others about God?
- Why does talking about God take practice?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Speak Now
Peter Says That Jesus
Is the Messiah
Matthew 16:13-20

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Who do you talk to about God?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Practice talking about God.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Training the body has some value.
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way. It promises help for the life
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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: Bible, "Free Throw Verses" Activity Page, bucket, small plush basketball or other ball, masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the bucket on one end of your group space and place the "Free Throw Verses" Activity Page cards inside.
- Place the Bible on the floor next to the bucket.
- Use the tape to make a line on the floor roughly 8-10 feet away from the bucket (or as much as your group space allows).
- Invite kids to line up behind the taped line.
- Explain to kids that in the game of basketball, there is a shot called a free throw. In order for basketball players to consistently make their free throws, they have to spend a lot of time practicing. That takes commitment!
- Tell kids that they will be practicing their free throws in this game. They will take turns shooting the ball into the bucket.
- If they make their shot, they will pick one of the cards out of the bucket. On the paper will be a Bible verse reference. They should use the Bible to look up the verse, and then they should read it out loud for the group.
- If they miss their shot, they should go to the end of the line, and it becomes the next person's turn to shoot.
- Continue rotating through the line until all Bible verses have been read.
- Assure kids that just like it takes practice to improve our free throw skills, it also takes practice talking to others about God. The more we do it, the more comfortable we will feel when it comes to telling others about things God has done.

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an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Explain to kids that one of the purposes of being in a

Small Group is to have people you can feel safe and comfortable with when it comes to talking about God. You can be there to encourage, build each other up, and give confidence to tells others outside of the group about God as well.

- Ask:
 - What is something you know about God?
 - What is something that God has done?
 - What questions do you have about God? *(Ask this question without the purpose of answering kids' questions. Simply give them a safe place to voice questions they may have about God and reassure them that it's absolutely normal to have questions!)*
- Encourage kids to think of one person in their life, outside of church, that they can tell about God. If they feel comfortable sharing with the group, invite them to do so.
- Say a prayer for the group. Reserve some time during the prayer where kids can pray silently about the person whose name came to their mind. Close the prayer time by thanking God for the group.

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