

Grade K-2: Small Group Leader Guide

April 21st 2024

Today's Bible Story: I Keep Forgettin' (Golden Calf) • *Exodus 32:1-35*

Today's Bottom Line: When you have to wait, remember what's true.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD.* Psalm 27:14 (NirV)

Monthly Life App: Patience—Waiting until later for what you want now

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.



Small Group Connect (10 Minutes)

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: "Ask them about the best and worst part of their week."
5. **Activity**

Early Arriver

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Offering container

What You Do:

- Warmly welcome each kid by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who have brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Ask: "As we WAIT for the other kids to arrive, would you like to play Simon Says or I Spy?"
- Lead kids in the game(s) of their choice.
- Ask: "What games do you like to play while you wait at home, at school, on the bus, or in the car?"

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Small Group Activity (20 Minutes)

When You Have to Wait

What You Need: “When You Have to Wait” Activity Page, prepared paper plates, markers or crayons, stapler and staples

What You Do:

- Give each kid two prepared paper plates.
- Set out the markers or crayons.
- Invite the kids to decorate the back, outside of their plates with the markers or crayons.
- As kids work, talk about things that are true about God. Here are some ideas:
 - God loves us.
 - God is always with us.
 - God made the world and everything in it.
 - God is powerful.
 - God is good, etc.
- Demonstrate how kids can put their plates together, and invite them to put their plates together, rim to rim.
- Staple the edges of the two plates together.
- Give each kid a label from the “When You Have to Wait” Activity Page to attach to their frisbee.
- Read the Bottom Line that is on the label out loud, encouraging the kids to say it with you.
- Invite kids to toss their frisbees back and forth with a partner, saying the Bottom Line as they do.
- Instruct the first partner to say: **[Bottom Line] “When you have to wait . . .”**
- Instruct the second partner to answer: **[Bottom Line] “. . . remember what’s true!”**
- Check out this link for a visual or scan the QR code below:
<https://bit.ly/4auOsNS>



What You Say:

“The thing to remember this week is this: **[Bottom Line] when you have to wait, remember what’s true!** Remember God loves you more than you could ever imagine. Remember God is good. Remember God is always with you and that God will help you.

“It can be hard to wait sometimes! While we’re waiting for something, we can think about the ways that God has helped us before. What are some ways God helps us? (*Invite responses, like: God loves us, is always with us, puts people in our lives to love and help us, etc.*)

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids something true that you remember when you have to wait—whether it’s God loves you, God is with you, God is faithful, or God has a plan.)

“So remember: **[Bottom Line] When you have to wait, remember what’s true!**”

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Small Group Discussion (10 Minutes)

Say the Bottom Line and Bible Verse together:

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Pray and Dismiss

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[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Bible marked at Psalm 27:14

What You Do:

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into a responsive prayer.

What You Say:

"Remember, [**Bottom Line**] when you have to wait, remember what's true. One thing that's true is that the Bible is God's Word. So when being patient seems hard, remember our verse, Psalm 27:14. (*Read the verse from the marked Bible.*)

Instruct the kids to echo you as you pray the prayer below:

"Dear God, (*Dear God,*)

You are good. (*You are good.*)

You are kind. (*You are kind.*)

You are loving. (*You are loving.*)

You are powerful. (*You are powerful.*)

You are the one and ONLY God. (*You are the one and ONLY God.*)

When we have to wait (*When we have to wait*)

help us remember what's true. (*help us remember what's true.*)

In Jesus' name we pray, (*in Jesus' name we pray,*)

Amen." (*Amen.*)

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share one thing that's true about God.



Check Out & Parent Pick-up

Kids should stay in the Small Group until their parents arrive to pick them up and show the 3 digit tag that matches the number on the name tag of the child being picked up..

When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their parent. Remember this week to **Bottom Line: when you have to wait, remember what's true.**

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