

Impact Kids Fall 2025

Older Kids Leader Guide

September 17, 2025

Live It Out- As you grow as a disciple, seeing and knowing God's character helps us love Him with all of our soul and strength. Matthew 22: 37

Bible- Sept 17- Acts 28:1-10 God is our protector, so we don't worry about a thing.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



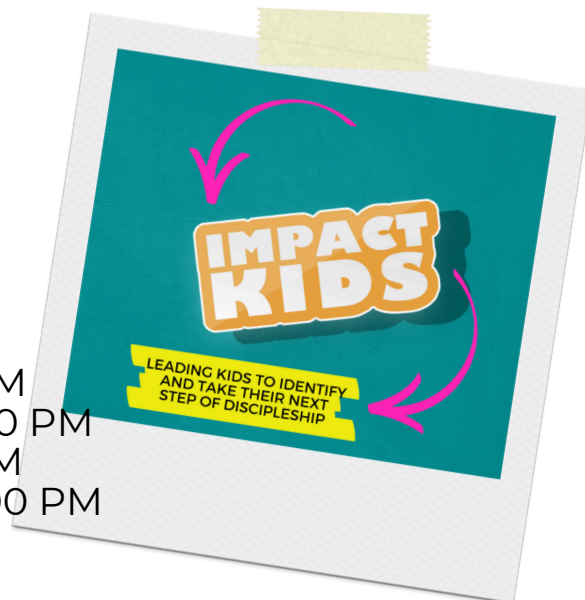
**Live It Out
Leader Devo**

prayer challenge

Think of 2 ways God has shown you
He is protecting you.
Thank Him for those reminders in prayer.

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Low Energy Game:

Supplies:

- 12-ounce disposable plastic cups (1 per child)
- cotton balls or pompoms (1 per child)
- long tables (1 for every 10 kids)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Easy Prep

- Along both long sides of each table, place 5 cups upside down near the edge of the table and spaced about 1 foot apart.
- A few inches behind each cup, place a pompom on the table.

Flip Cups to Cover Pompoms

Say: We're learning that God is our protector, so we don't need to worry about a thing. Worries will still come to our minds and hearts sometimes, but when they do, we can give our worries to God. Let's play a game to dig into this some more!

- Form at least two teams of five or fewer, and have each team choose one side of a table.
- Have team members line up side by side facing their side of their table and standing a few feet from the table.
- At your cue, team members on each side will take turns going one at a time to the table to try to flip a cup directly over a pompom in one try.
- To flip a cup, kids must move it so it extends just a little past the edge of the table and then use a finger or two placed under the rim of the cup to flip it.
- If a child is successful in landing a cup over a pompom in one try, he or she can continue trying to flip cups over pompoms in single flips until unsuccessful.
- Then it'll be the next team member's turn.
- If a child is unsuccessful on the first try, that child will reset the cup as he or she found it and then the next team member can try.
- A round is over once everyone on a team has had a try.
- For a second round, team members can have two tries at getting the cup to flip directly over a pompom, then three tries in a third round, and so on.
- Encourage team members to cheer each other on and share strategies for success as they practice flipping the cups.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play.

Talk About It

Ask: • What helped you get better at flipping the cups over the pompoms?

• What's something else you've had to practice doing to get better at?

Share an example of your own first, such as practicing driving a lot before it felt natural.

Say: Things that are new to us or maybe seem a little strange might take practice to feel natural so that we don't even have to think about doing them. That can happen when we practice giving our worries to God instead of holding on to them. Paul had already faced a lot of scary things, so when the snake bit him, it was easy for him to trust God. We can give our worries to God through prayers because God is our protector.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “9-1-1 Emergency”

Say: We’re learning that God is our protector.

Ask: • Who are some people that protect others?

Say: There are a lot of people who protect us. One kind of protector is firefighters! Let’s find out more about them.

Ask: • What did you learn about how firefighters protect people?

• How do you think the gear and tools firefighters use would protect them?

• What question would you want to ask a firefighter?

Say: Firefighters are very brave protectors. They risk their lives for us! But even strong firefighters have limitations. God doesn’t, though! God is our protector, so we don’t need to worry about a thing.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle (It’s okay if it’s missing pieces, so check a thrift store if you don’t have one.)
- paper
- colorful markers
- fine-tipped permanent markers
- index cards (optional)

Easy Prep Get out enough puzzle pieces for each child to have one, and then hide the box so kids can’t see the picture.

Figure Out a Puzzle

Say: We’re learning that God is our protector. He protected Paul, but can we count on God protecting people every time? How can we really not worry?

Let’s dig in to that.

Give each child one piece from the jigsaw puzzle and a piece of paper. Set out colorful markers to share.

Say: Based on only the piece in your hand, draw what you think the whole puzzle looks like. Allow time.

After kids have drawn, have them compare drawings and share why they think the puzzle looks like that. Then get out the box and show them the picture.

Say: It’s impossible to accurately know what an entire puzzle will look like when you see only one piece. Life can be like that, too. Each stage of life we go through is like one puzzle piece. When all we can see is that one piece, it can make us feel worried. After all, you might be holding a piece that looks really scary!

Ask: • What does it show you about God when you think of each part of your life as a puzzle piece?

Say: We can’t see the whole puzzle of our lives—but God can! When we truly believe that, we can trust him to protect us. He’s got a plan! Let’s dig deeper and see what the Bible has to say about worries.

Deeper Bible: cont

Dig Deeper

Read Luke 12:22.

Ask: • Jesus named a few things people worry about. What else do people worry about?

Say: Let's read what else Jesus had to say.

Read Luke 12:23-26.

Ask: • Why is worry pointless?

• If worrying is pointless, why do so many people do it?

Say: We like to be in control and know what's going on. When we're not in control, it's easy to worry. But worrying doesn't accomplish anything, and it doesn't change the fact that God is our protector. He's got us covered!

So what do we do when we feel like worrying? The Bible tells us exactly what to do.

Read Philippians 4:6-7.

Say: Instead of worrying, these verses say to pray. Then God will bring us peace, which is the opposite of worry. Let's try that now.

Have each child think of one worry and write a word to summarize it on the picture side of his or her puzzle piece using a fine-tipped marker. If you want the puzzle pieces back, have kids use index cards instead.

Say: Now instead of focusing on our worries, let's focus on God. Have kids flip the puzzle pieces or index cards over and write "God" on the back. Then have kids hold the pieces with the "God" side up and pray silently about their worries.

Pray: God, thank you that you are our protector. Help us not to worry about a thing but instead to pray and trust that you see the whole picture. In Jesus' name, amen.

Life Application:

Supplies

- Bible
- paper
- pens
- trash can

Throw Away Worries

Read Philippians 4:6. **Say:** God is our protector, so we don't need to worry about a thing. Instead of worrying, we can pray! Let's pray in a fun, active way as we throw away our worries.

- Have kids write their worries on pieces of paper.
- Kids can crumple their papers into paper wads.
- Set a trash can in the center of the room, and have kids stand back to the point where they think they can make a basket.
- Have kids throw their worries away. If they miss, they can pick up each other's worries and continue until all the worries are in the trash.

Wrap Up

Pray: God, thank you for being our protector! Thank you that we don't need to worry about a thing because we can turn to you for help. Please take our worries away now and protect us from all the things we wrote on our papers. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.

Activity Page with a Point:

Older Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Coloring Page, pencils, crayons

Say: Say: God is our protector. When Paul was bitten by a dangerous snake, God protected him! Let's make sure we find all the other snakes so we can keep Paul safe.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will find the hidden snakes.

Ask: • How do you think you'd feel if you were standing in this scene?

• What helps you trust God when you feel worried or scared?

Say: God is our protector. That doesn't mean bad things won't happen; the snake did bite Paul. But we can trust God to have a big plan and take care of us.

Answer Key:

