



Impact Kids Fall 2025

Younger Kids Leader Guide

September 3, 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 3-** Acts 12:6-17- God is surprising, so we watch for His surprises.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



**Live It Out
Leader Devo**

prayer challenge

Think of 2 ways God has shown you
His surprises are good.
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

- no supplies needed

Play a Surprising Version of Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Say: Today's Bible story was full of surprises when God set Peter free from prison. Peter could hardly believe what was happening. Surprises can be so exciting and fun! Let's play a game that has some surprises.

- Gather everyone to stand facing you, if they aren't already.
- Practice the traditional version of Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes with kids.
- Once you've established a rhythm with the game and kids feel like they know what to expect, switch up some body parts and alter the sequence of the parts you call out and point to. Such as: Head, belly, heart and belly, heart and belly. Head, belly, heart and belly, heart and belly. Elbows, and knees, and laugh so silly (pause and lead kids in a silly laugh). Head, belly, heart and belly, heart and belly.
- Have fun varying the song and motions, and ham it up with the kids.

Talk About It

Ask: • When were you surprised in the game?

Say: Surprises can be so much fun! It's also fun to know that a surprise might be coming and to watch for it—that's exciting, too!

Say: There are so many great surprises, and sometimes it's God who's surprising us. God is surprising in the ways he loves and cares for us. We can watch for his loving surprises all around us, and it's exciting when we see a surprise from God!

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “An Angel Frees Peter”

Say: We’re learning that God is surprising, so we watch for his surprises. And boy, did he have a lot of surprises for Peter! Let’s watch what happened to Peter.

Ask: • What was the most surprising part of this Bible story?

- Why do you think the people praying were surprised when God answered their prayers?
- What’s something you’d be surprised to see God do in your life?

Say: God is surprising, so we watch for his surprises. We can pray like the church prayed for Peter and wait to see how he answers our prayers. And he might even surprise us like he surprised Peter and do something we never would’ve expected!

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bible
- “Welcoming Ways” handout (1 copy for every 4 kids) ([download here](#))
- box with lid

Easy Prep

Cut apart the welcoming ways from the handout, and fold each piece once.
Place all of them in the box so there’s 1 for each child.

Review a Song

Have kids sit in a circle. Say: Today we found out that God is surprising, so we watch for his surprises. Let’s play a game where we’ll get a surprise and we’ll give a surprise. To play, we’ll need to remember the song from our Bible activity. Lead kids in the song to the tune of “Boom, Boom, Ain’t It Great to Be Crazy?”

Boom, boom, ain’t it great to get surprises?

Boom, boom, ain’t it great to get surprises?

Our God is always surprising us,

Boom, boom, ain’t it great to get surprises?

Repeat a few times until kids can follow along.

Play a Game

Say: To play our game, we’ll pass a surprise box around our circle and sing our song. When the song ends, our friend who is holding the box will get to reach in and pull out a surprise picture! Pull a picture from the box to show the kids. I pulled out the [tell what you pulled out]. Now I get to surprise someone with this action! Go to a child in the group and surprise him or her with a hug, a high-five, a smile and a wave, or a pat on the back, depending on the picture you pulled from the box. Go over each of the cards and actions so kids know exactly what to do when they pull out a picture.

Lead kids in playing the game in this way, singing the song once per round of passing the surprise box. Continue until all the children have been able to give a surprise and get a surprise. Repeat more rounds if time allows.

Life Application:

Supplies

- heart stickers (1 per child)
- 2 identical boxes or containers with lids
- paper (1 sheet for every 4 kids)
- crayons

Easy Prep

- Cut paper into quarters.
- Place the heart stickers in one of the identical boxes. Put it somewhere that's easily accessible but also out of kids' sight.
- Ask an adult or teen helper to switch out the two identical boxes while kids' heads are bowed and their eyes are closed.

Draw a Need

Have kids sit in a circle. **Say:** Today we found out that God is surprising, so we watch for his surprises. God's friend Peter was in jail, and he needed God's help. One night while Peter was sleeping, God surprised him by helping him escape the jail. We can tell God our needs, like Peter did, and wait for God to surprise us.

Share about something you need right now. You might need more sleep, you might need money to pay a bill, or you might need a friend because you're lonely. **Ask:** • What's something you need? Distribute paper and crayons, and have kids draw their needs on the quarter sheets of paper.

Pray

Say: We can share our needs with God, and he'll listen. Collect the kids' drawings in the box, and close it.

Hold up the box. **Say:** Let's share all these needs with God now. Lead kids to bow their heads and close their eyes. Have the adult or teen helper quickly switch the two identical boxes so that the box of hearts is now in place of the box with the drawings. Have the helper place the box with drawings out of sight. **Pray:** God, you're so surprising! You bring us wonderful surprises all the time. And we're so thankful for your surprises. We know you helped Peter when he needed help, so we're sharing some things we need right now with you. Briefly mention kids' needs. We know you love us and want only good things for us. We'll be watching to see how you take care of us in a surprising way. We love you! In Jesus' name, amen.

Open the Box

Pick up the box, and **say:** It's great to share our needs with God—he hears us when we talk to him! Open the lid, and look surprised. There's a surprise in here for all of us! Give each child a glimpse of the box of hearts, and then give each child a heart sticker to put on. God loves us so much—all his surprises are good for us! I'm so thankful that God is surprising!

Don't forget to watch for God's surprises this week, and come back next week to share any ways God surprised you!

Activity Page with a Point:

Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Coloring Page, pencils, crayons, tape, construction paper (1 per kid)

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. **Say:** God is surprising. He sent an angel to help Peter walk right out of prison! People who were in a house praying for Peter were so surprised that they forgot to open the door to let him in! Let's color that picture.

Allow time for kids to color. Help kids tape a piece of construction paper on just one side so it hinges open like a door. Show kids how to open and close the door for Peter.