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Greeting & Prayer



What You Need

- ☐ A Spinning Wheel
- ☐ Prayer Chart

What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Recall a time when God gave you the courage to do something you didn't think you were ready for. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to live inside of you and help you take the next step! Ask God to help the kids trust Him when they feel nervous or unsure. Whether it's a big change or something small, pray that kids would know God is with them even when they don't feel ready.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

What You Say

"Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation."

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity

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ACTIVITY ONE

Live For God Game Plan

Faith Skills

Hear from God	Pray to God
Talk about God	Live for God

What You Need

Bible
Large piece of butcher paper
Markers
Stickers



What You Do:

- Read Luke5:27-32 out loud to everyone.
- Lay the butcher paper on the floor and invite the kids to sit around it. Title the paper: “Our Game Plan for Living for God.”
- Ask the kids to share what they remember about Matthew from the story. (He was a tax collector; he left everything to follow Jesus. He threw a banquet at his house so his friends could meet Jesus.)
- Say, “Matthew chose to live for God! What are some ways we can live for God, just like Matthew?”
As kids give ideas, draw a simple picture of the idea on the butcher paper.
- If a kid says, “Be kind,” you can draw a smiley face. If a kid says, “Share our toys,” you can draw a simple toy block. If a kid says, “Help mom,” you can draw a heart.
- Keep drawing until you have a wonderful “Game Plan” full of pictures.
- Let the kids add stickers all over the paper to decorate it.

What You Say:

“Look at our amazing game plan! These are all wonderful ways we can live for God. Matthew said ‘yes,’ to Jesus! When we are kind, when we share, when we help—we are saying ‘yes’ to Jesus too! We are doing what Jesus would love, and we are showing everyone what God is like. We are living for God! And that’s something we can get better at when we practice. Let’s all [Bottom Line] practice living for God this week.”

Inclusive Pro Tips

Use thumbs-up and thumbs-down if not all children can sit and stand easily.



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ACTIVITY TWO

Room to Live for God

What You Need

- Large clear jar
- Cup of small, colorful pom-poms
- Cup of sand



What You Do:

- Show the kids the empty jar.
- Tell them that the jar is like our day. We have to fill it up with things.
- Pour the sand into the jar first, filling it most of the way.
- Say, “The sand is like all the fun things we do—playing, watching shows, eating snacks.”
- Now, show them the cup of colorful pom-poms. Say, “These pom-poms are the important things, like living for God by being kind and helping others.”
- Try to pour the pom-poms into the jar on top of the sand.
- They won’t all fit.
Say, “Oh no! There’s no room for the most important things!”
Empty the jar and start over.
- This time, put the colorful pom-poms (the important things) in the jar FIRST.
Then, pour the sand in. The sand will fill in all the space around the pom-poms, and everything will fit.

What You Say:

“Wow! God wants us to make our lives about putting the most important things first. When we do the most important things first, our life is more beautiful, and those other things will fit right in!”

“When we [Bottom Line] practice living for God, it helps us make room for what matters most.”

Inclusive Pro Tips



Print “Verse Motions” Activity Pages to support visual learners and readers who want to follow along on their own copies of the motions.

MONTLY

BIBLE VERSE CHALLENGE!



What You Do

- Have all the kids recite the memory verse out loud together several times.
- Explain that this practice helps everyone learn and feel more confident.
- Ask the kids to raise their hands if they want to try saying the verse on their own.
- Invite one child at a time to come up to the Memory Verse Challenge Spot.
- When a child recites the verse, let them choose a prize from the prize box!
- Please tell the kids if they're not ready this time, that's okay---you can always try again next month!

Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:8 NIRV



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Pray and Dismiss

Prayer Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God	Pray to God
Talk about God	Live for God

What You Need

No supplies needed



What You Say

"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You invite us to follow You, just like You invited Matthew. Help us to be brave and [Bottom Line] practice living for God every day by being kind, sharing, and helping others. We want to live like You would. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition -> As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share one promise from today's Bible Story that God kept and remind the kids to share that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is good news for everyone.

Inclusive Pro Tips



Instead of praying silently, give options for the kids to write or doodle to God quietly.