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Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (3 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (20 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (2 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



Bible Story

Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter and a Suffering Woman

Mark 5:21-43

Bottom Line

Show the love of Jesus to people in need.

Monthly Memory Verse

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."

John 13:34, NIV



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Greeting & Prayer



What You Need

- A Spinning Wheel
- Prayer Chart

① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that He sees you, He cares about your needs, and He always shows you love. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were in need (sick, sad, or scared) and Jesus showed you His love. Ask God to help the kids know they can turn to Jesus when they're in need—when they are sick, scared, or sad. Pray that they would also learn to see the needs of others, like sharing a toy with a friend who is sad or giving a hug.

- 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.

② 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

What's in the Box?

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God



What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to sit in a circle around the box.
- Explain that there are mystery items inside the box.
- Let the kids take turns reaching their hand inside the box (without looking) to feel one item and guess what it is.
- After they guess the item, encourage them to pull it out of the box.
- Then, ask the kid: "How could you use this item to show the love of Jesus to someone in need?"
 - o Crayon: "I could draw a picture for someone who is sad."
 - o Bandage: "I could give it to a friend who fell down."
 - o Snack: "I could share it with someone who is hungry."
- Continue until everyone has had a turn.

What You Need

- Prepared box with various small items inside

What You Say:

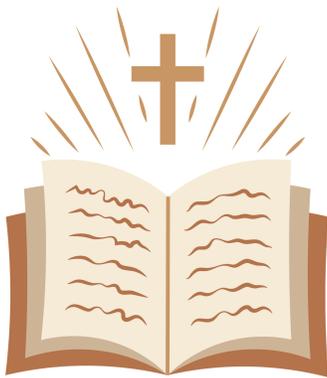
"You had so many wonderful ideas for how to use these simple things to show love! Jesus used what He had—His power and His time—to help people. Jesus even raised the little girl back to life! He took her by the hand and said, 'Talitha koum!' which means, 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!' (Mark 5:41 NIV). We can use what we have to show love too. Let's look for ways to show the love of Jesus to people."

Inclusive Pro Tips



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

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!

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Pray and Dismiss

Prayer Activity



What You Say

“Dear God, thank You for being a God who helps people when they’re in need. Please be with all the people we prayed for today. Help them feel Your love. And please help us to see ways that we can show Your love to them and to everyone we meet. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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What You Need

No supplies needed

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.