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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



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



ACTIVITY ONE

Verse Word Search



Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- Bible
- "Verse Word Search" Activity Page
- "Verse Word Search Answer Key" Activity Page
- Pencils

Inclusive Pro Tips



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

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up John 13:34.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

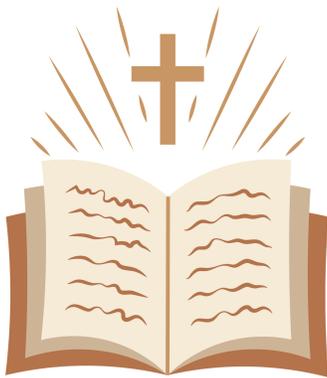
Finding verses for 2-3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Repeat the verse aloud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Guide the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- Give each kid a "Verse Word Search" Activity Page and a pencil.
- Point to the Memory Verse at the bottom of the page and read together: "I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you" John 13:34.
- Explain that all the words from the verse are hidden in the puzzle.
- Challenge them to find and circle as many words from the verse as they can.
- Work together as a group to find all the words. Use the "Verse Word Search Answer Key" as needed.

What You Say:

""You are all excellent word finders! It's great to hide God's Word, the Bible, in our hearts by learning it. When we memorize verses from the Bible, we can remember God's Word all the time! Jesus' command to love is for everyone. It's for our friends, our family, and especially for people who need help. Jesus was on the most important mission ever—to save the whole world—but He still paused to help people one by one. We can [Bottom Line] show the love of Jesus to people in need."

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 so loving and kind. Thank You for healing the people in our story and for always being ready to help us when we are in need. Please be with the people we prayed for today. Show them Your love. Help us to be like Jesus and show Your love to everyone we meet. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

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.