



SMALL GROUP: MONDAY

BIBLE STORY: Matthew's Party (Luke 5:27-32)

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus is a good reason to have a party.

MEMORY VERSE

You always show me the path that leads to life. You will fill me with joy when I am with you. Acts: 2:28

STARTER QUESTIONS

- If you were planning a party for this weekend, who are the three people you would invite?
- If Jesus came to your house for dinner, what would you want to talk about?

PLAY TODAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

REVIEW QUESTIONS ACTIVITY

- Set the baggie with the review question strips in the middle.
- Choose one kid to pull out a review question, read it aloud to the group, and answer the question.
- Reference the "Review Questions Leader Guide" Activity Page to see if kids are correct. Invite the group to help answer specific questions if needed.
- Continue until all questions have been answered. Invite kids to make up more questions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is your favorite type of party?
- What was the best party you ever attended, and what was the reason for celebrating?
- What makes you want to celebrate?
- Have you ever been left out of a party you wanted to go to? How did that make you feel?
- Do you feel like you deserve to be invited to a party with Jesus?
- Does being invited give you joy? If so, why?

WHAT YOU SAY

People get invited to parties for different reasons. Maybe you were invited to a birthday party because you were friends with someone. Perhaps you received a good grade on a test and were invited to a pizza party during lunch.



Matthew probably felt like there was no reason Jesus would invite him. Matthew probably didn't feel like he belonged or deserved Jesus' love, so when Jesus invited him to follow, Matthew was so excited. He even threw a party!

It doesn't matter where you're from, if you go to church every weekend, or whether you think you deserve Jesus' love, He has invited you too! Let's cue the confetti, friends because Jesus is a good reason to have a party.

PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You for loving each of us so very much. We sometimes mess up and don't do the right thing, but You keep loving us anyway. Thank You for sending Jesus to help us see how You want us to live and treat others. We celebrate You and love You."